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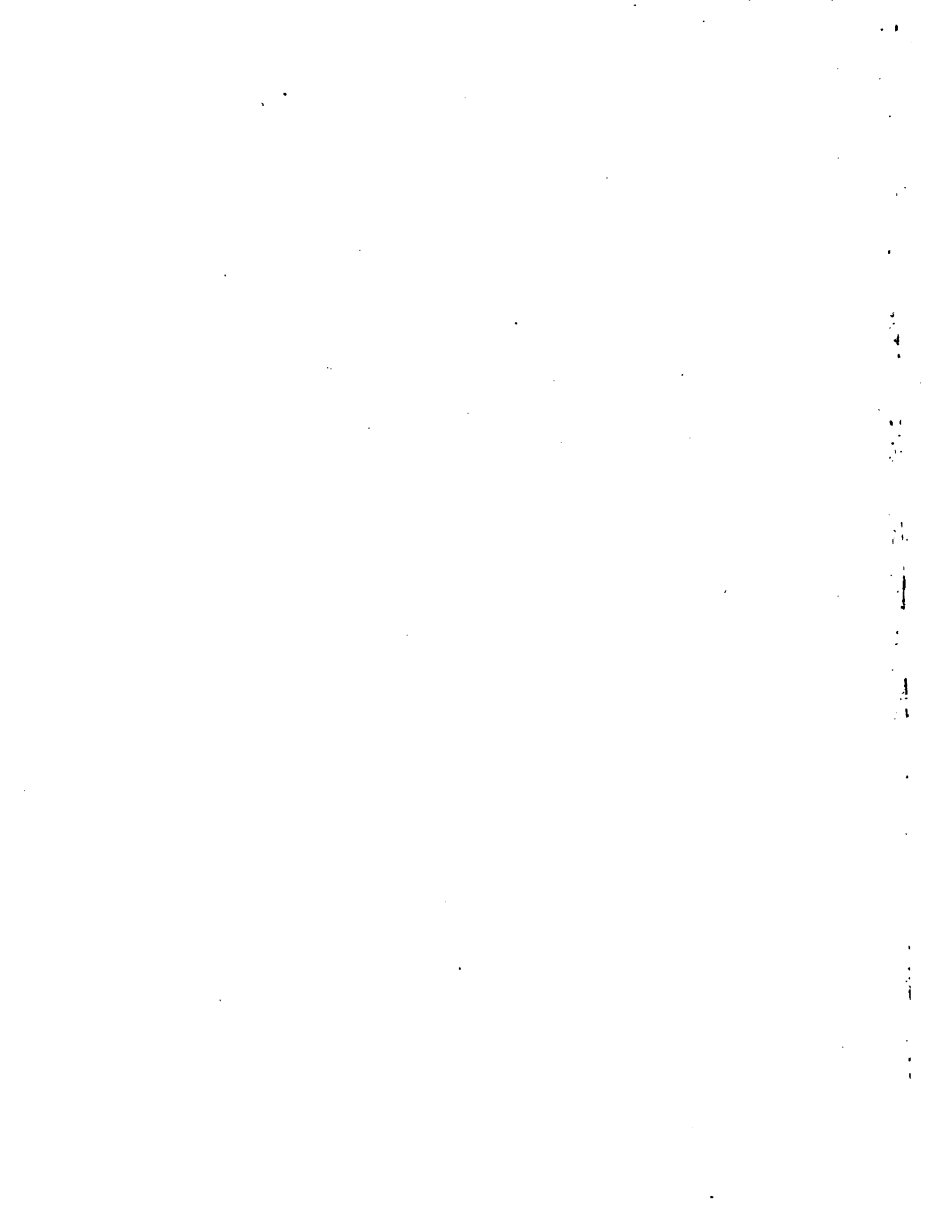
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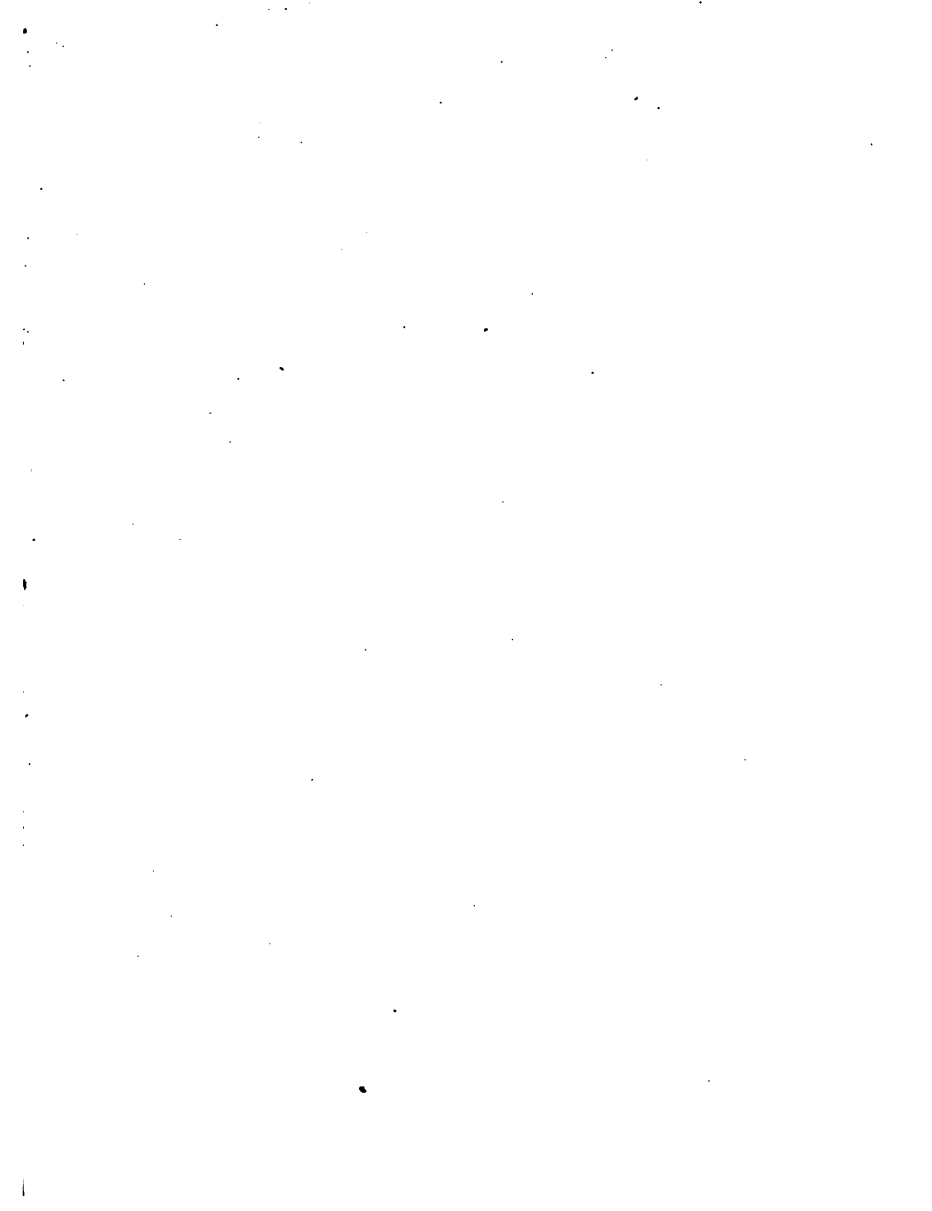


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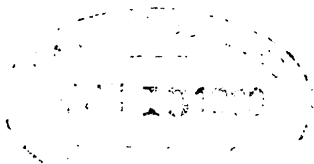
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There is community of thought in quotation. — SAMUEL JOHNSON

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January 1.

ARTHUR H. CLOUGH, 1819.

HOPE smiles from the threshold of the year to come,
Whispering, "It will be happier."

Tennyson.

WERE you with me, or I with you
There's nought, methinks, I might not do;
Could venture here, and venture there,
And never fear, nor ever care.

Secure, when all was o'er, to find
My proper thought, my perfect mind,
And, unimpaired, receive anew
My own and better self in you.

Clough.

January 2.

REMEMBER, others shall
Take patience, labor, to their heart and hand,
From thy hand, and thy heart, and thy brave cheer.

The least flower, with a brimming cup, may stand,
And share its dew-drop with another near.

E. B. Browning.

THE blessed work of helping the world forward happily
does not wait to be done by perfect men.

George Eliot.



January 3.

DOUGLAS JERROLD, 1803.
JOSEPH (DAMIEN) DE VEUSTER, 1840.

GOD of our fathers, known of old —
Lord of our far-flung battle line —
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine —
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget — lest we forget!

Rudyard Kipling.

CERTAIN defects are necessary for the existence of individuality. We should not be pleased if old friends were to lay aside certain peculiarities.

Goethe.

January 4.

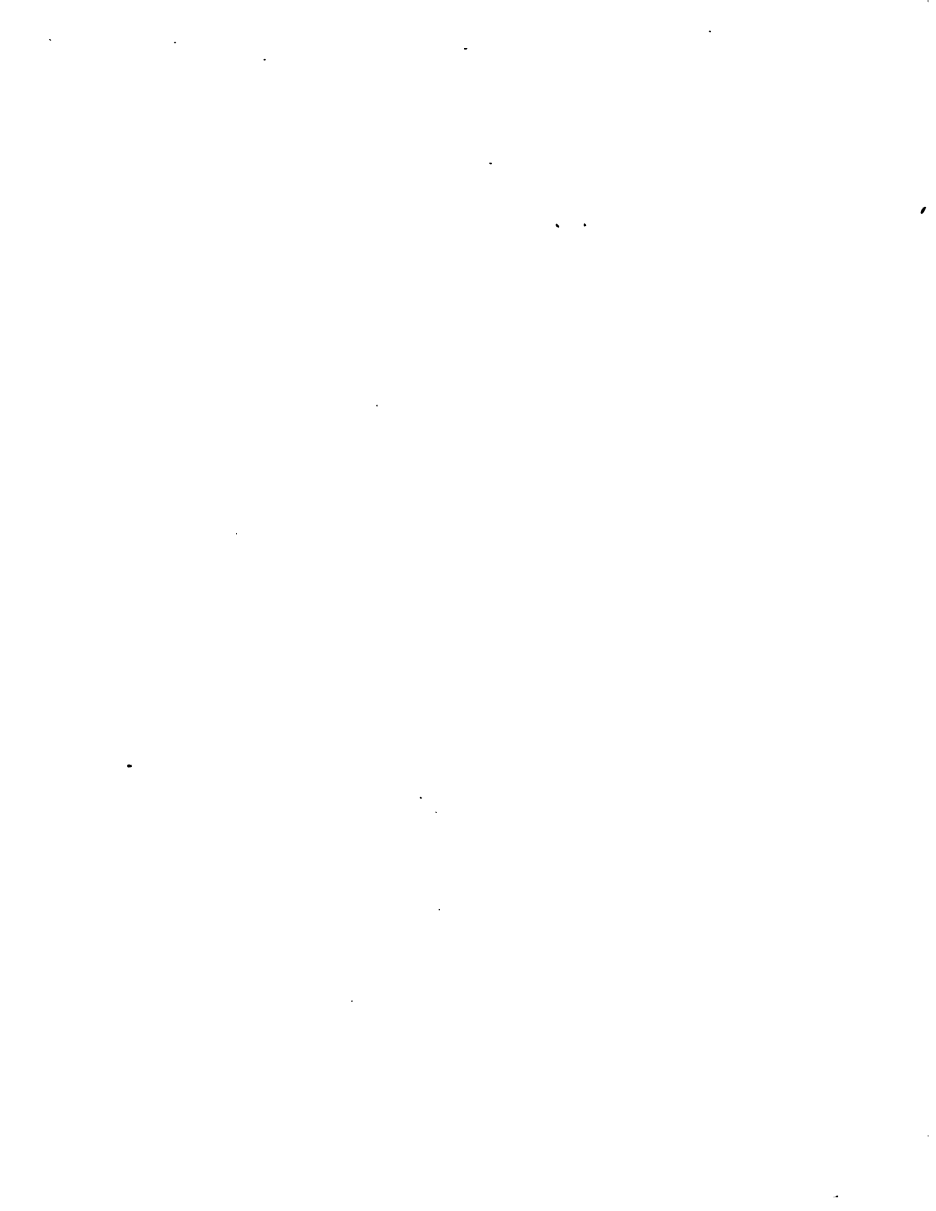
JACOB LUDWIG GRIMM, 1785.

THE most influential books . . . are works of fiction. They do not pin the reader to a dogma which he must afterwards discover to be inexact; they do not teach him a lesson which he must afterwards unlearn. They repeat, they rearrange, they clarify the lessons of life.

Stevenson.

THE moving Finger writes, and having writ,
Moves on; nor all your piety nor wit
Can lure it back to cancel half a line.

Omar Khayyām.



January 5.

MAKE a rule, and pray to God to help you to keep it, never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say: "I have made one human being at least a little wiser, or a little happier, or a little better, this day."

Charles Kingsley.

SHE was like a prayer, offered up in the homeliest beauty of one's mother-tongue.

Hawthorne.

January 6. (EPIPHANY.)

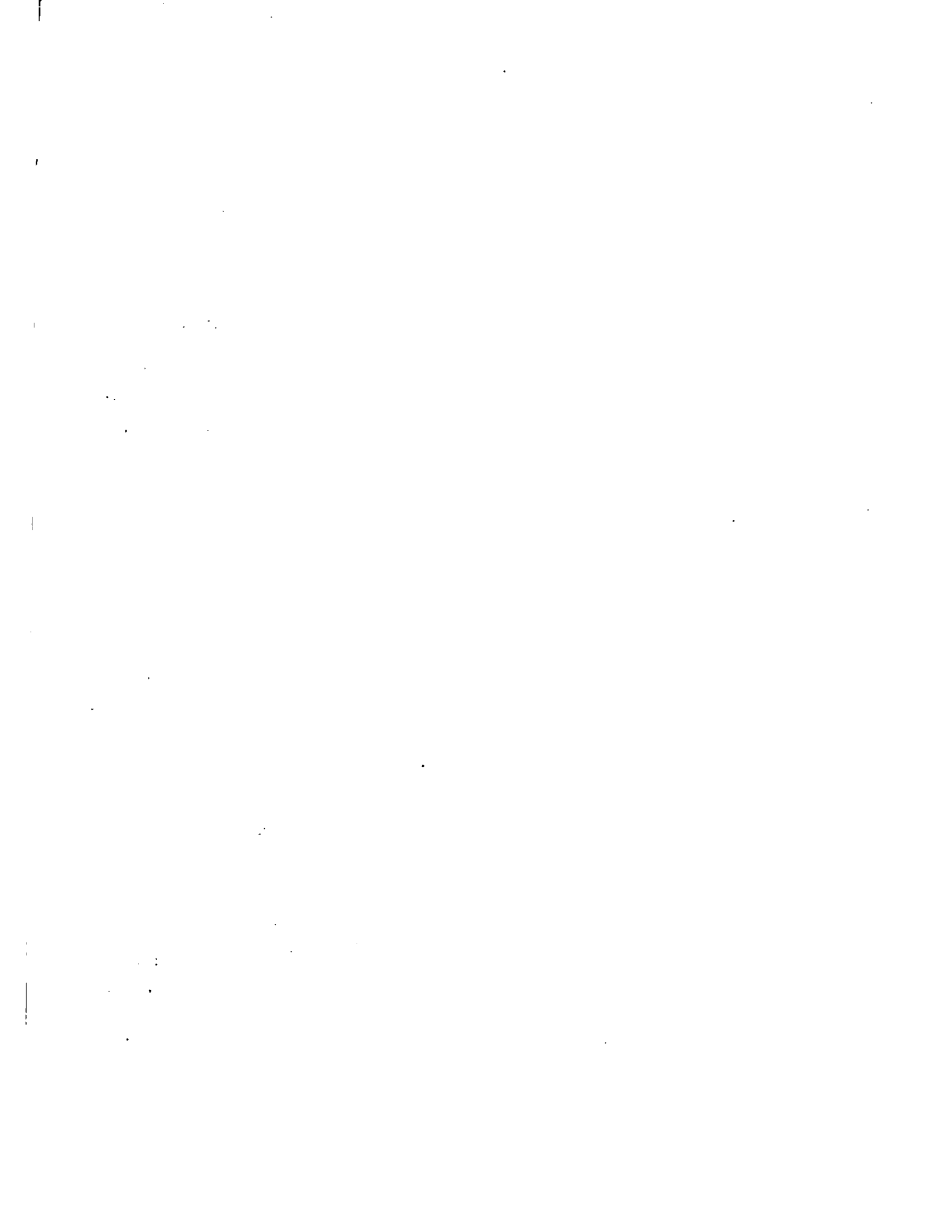
CHARLES SUMNER, 1811.

YOU must love in order to understand love. One act of charity will teach us more of the love of God than a thousand sermons. One act of unselfishness, or real self-denial, will tell us more of the meaning of Epiphany than whole volumes on theology.

F. W. Robertson.

FOR life, with all it yields of joy and woe
And hope and fear . . .
Is just our chance o' the prize of learning love;
How love might be, hath been, indeed, and is.

Robert Browning.



January 7.

ISRAEL PUTNAM, 1718.
(PRESIDENT) JAMES B. ANGELL, 1829.

DIFFICULTIES are things that show what men are.

Epictetus.

LIFE at a College Settlement is broadening, by virtue of the wide contact into which it brings the resident with all sorts and conditions of men. . . . Yet, after all, the best thing that a Settlement offers its residents is not experience, but sincerity of life.

Vida D. Scudder.

January 8.

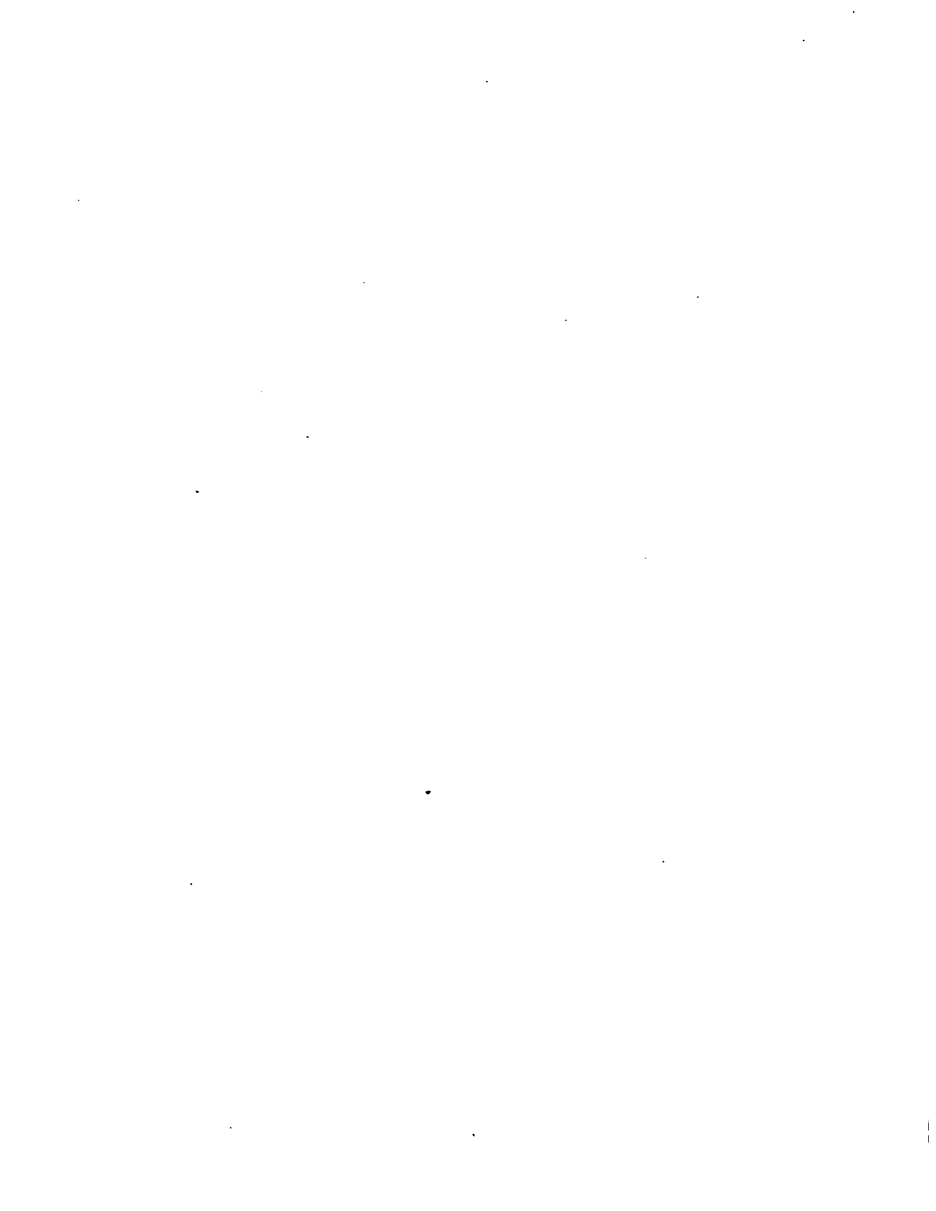
ROBERT SCHUMANN, 1810. ALMA TADEMA, 1836.

LIKE warp and woof all destinies
Are woven fast,
Linked in sympathy like the keys
Of an organ vast.

Whittier.

HE can keep silence well. That man's silence is wonderful to listen to. There's so much sense in it. Every moment of it is humming over with sound understanding. He can keep a very clever silence.

Thomas Hardy.



January 9.

WHO loves not knowledge? Who shall rail
Against her beauty? . . .
. . . Let her know her place;
She is the second, not the first.

Tennyson.

MEN who know their place can take it and keep it, be it high or low, contentedly and firmly, neither yielding nor grasping; and the harmony of hand and thought follows.

Ruskin.

January 10.

ETHAN ALLEN, 1737.

FORENOON and afternoon and night — forenoon
And afternoon and night, — forenoon, and — what?
The empty song repeats itself. No more?
Yea, that is Life; make this forenoon sublime,
This afternoon a psalm, this night a prayer,
And time is conquered, and thy crown is won.

E. R. Sill.

AND so my answer to the question, "How I was educated?" ends where it began: I had the right mother.

Timothy Dwight.



January 11.

BAYARD TAYLOR, 1825.

WHAT I look to is a time when the impulse to help our fellows shall be as immediate and as irresistible as that which I feel to grasp something firm when I am falling.

George Eliot.

NOR for thy neighbor, nor for thee,
Be sure, was life designed to be
A draught of dull complacency.
So but thou strive, thou soon shalt see
Defeat itself is victory.

Clough.

January 12.

JOHN WINTHROP, 1588.

A POOR man served by thee shall make thee rich ;
A sick man served by thee shall make thee strong ;
Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense
Of service which thou renderest.

E. B. Browning.

EACH day, each week, each month, each year, is a new chance given you by God. A new chance, a new leaf, a new life,—this is the golden, the unspeakable gift which each new day offers you.

Canon Farrar.

January 13.

WE are not sent into this world to do anything into which we cannot put our hearts. We have certain work to do for our bread, and that is to be done strenuously; other work to do for our delight, and that is to be done heartily; neither is to be done by halves and shifts, but with a will; and what is not worth this effort is not to be done at all.

Carlyle.

INSPIRATION comes of working every day.

Charles Baudelaire.

January 14.

MAN'S own youth is the world's youth; at least, he feels as if it were, and imagines that the earth's granite substance is something not yet hardened, and which he can mould into whatever shape he like.

Hawthorne.

HE fixed thee mid this dance
Of plastic circumstance,
This Present, thou, forsooth, would'st fain arrest;
Machinery just meant
To give thy soul its bent,
Try thee and turn thee forth, sufficiently impressed.

Robert Browning.



January 15.

MOLIÈRE, 1622.

THE sense of creative activity is the great happiness and the great proof of being alive. . . . To give the phrase, the sentence, the structural member, the entire composition, song, or essay, a similar unity with its subject and with itself, — style is in the right way when it tends towards that.

Walter Pater.

THE supreme and ultimate product of civilization, it has well been said, is two or three persons talking together in a room.

George H. Palmer.

January 16.

IT is cruel and inhuman to withhold the sustenance which is necessary to the growth, if not the existence, of genius, — sympathy, encouragement, commendation. Praise is not fame ; but the praise of the intelligent is its precursor.

Landor.

As one lamp lights another, nor grows less,
So nobleness enkindleth nobleness.

Lowell.



January 17.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, 1706.

ON the eastern mountains lying,
Common things shine in the sun ;
And by learnèd minds enlightened,
Lower minds may shine as one.

Edwin Arnold.

THE object of modern education is fulness and integrity of living ; is the most complete unfolding and perfecting of the human spirit ; is the development of the more evolved out of the less involved self.

University Magazine.

January 18.

DANIEL WEBSTER, 1782. (PRESIDENT) SETH LOW. 1850.

THE Creator has so constituted the human intellect that it can grow only by its own action ; and by its own action and free will it will certainly and necessarily grow. Every man must, therefore, educate himself. His book and teacher are but helps ; the work is his.

Daniel Webster.

A NOBLE heart ! a generous soul !
An intellect so fine.

O'Connor.

January 19.

JAMES WATT, 1736. EDGAR ALLAN POE, 1809.
(PRESIDENT) DAVID STARR JORDAN, 1851.

To appreciate thoroughly the work of what we call genius, is to possess all the genius by which the work was produced.

Edgar Allan Poe.

"THE only government that I recognize, — and it matters not how few are at the head of it or how small is its army, — is that which establishes justice in the land; never that which establishes injustice." (Thoreau.)

President Jordan.

January 20.

NATHANIEL PARKER WILLIS, 1807.

A BLESSED thing it is to have a friend, — one human soul whom one can trust always, who knows the best and the worst of us, and who loves us in spite of all our faults.

Charles Kingsley.

WHY is it that the people with whom one loves to be silent are also the very ones with whom one loves to talk?

Kate Douglas Wiggin.



January 21.

THOMAS J. (STONEWALL) JACKSON, 1824.

MEN at some times are masters of their fates,
The fault . . . is not in our stars,
But in ourselves, that we are underlings.

Shakespeare.

BE like the promontory against which the waves continually break, but which stands firm, and tames the fury of the water around it.

Practise thyself even in the things thou despairst of accomplishing.

Marcus Aurelius.

January 22.

FRANCIS BACON, 1561. LORD BYRON, 1788.

(PRESIDENT) FRANCIS L. PATTON, 1843.

A LITTLE philosophy inclineth a man's mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion.

Lord Bacon.

SOUL, rule thyself. On passion, deed, desire,
Lay thou the laws of thy deliberate will.
Stand at thy chosen post, faith's sentinel,
Though hell's lost legions ring thee round with fire,
Learn to endure.

J. A. Symonds.



January 23.

AH, wasteful woman! she who may
On her sweet self set her own price,
Knowing he cannot choose but pay —
How has she cheapened Paradise!
How given for naught her priceless gift,
How spoiled the bread and spilled the wine,
Which spent with due respective thrift,
Had made brutes men, and men divine!

Coventry Patmore.

SILENTLY, gradually, does the precious ripen.

Schiller.

January 24.

FREDERICK THE GREAT, 1712.

(PRESIDENT) GEORGE A. GATES, 1851.

WHAT, then, is strength of character? Strength is the ability to make one's outward act the expression and realization of one's inward purpose.

William DeWitt Hyde.

— EVERYWHERE

Two heads in council, two beside the hearth,
Two in the tangled business of the world,
Two in the liberal offices of life,
Two plummets dropt for one to sound the abyss
Of science, and the secrets of the mind.

Tennyson.

"For man is man and master of his fate."

President Gates.

January 25.

ROBERT BURNS, 1759.

SHOULD auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to min' ?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days o' lang syne ?

Misled by fancy's meteor ray,
By passion driven,
But yet the light that led astray
Was light from heaven.

Burns.

THE great charm of a woman, in Burns's eye, was always her womanhood, and not the angelic mixture which other poets find in her.

Hawthorne.

January 26.

THE imagination of a boy is healthy, and the mature imagination of a man is healthy ; but there is a space of life between, in which the soul is in a ferment, the character undecided, the way of life uncertain, the ambition thick-sighted.

Keats.

GROWTH in power and grace of expression go hand in hand with growth in real knowledge and in self-control.

George R. Carpenter.



January 27.

MOZART, 1756.

MAN's soul, in a former state, was winged, and soared among the gods ; and so it comes to pass, that in this life, when the soul, by the power of music or poetry, or the sight of beauty, hath her remembrance quickened, forth-with there is a struggling and a pricking pain as of wings trying to come forth.

Plato.

WE are in God's hand.
How strange now looks the life He makes us lead,
So free we seem, so fettered fast we are !

Robert Browning.

January 28.

HENRY N. HUDSON, 1814. CHARLES G. GORDON, 1833.

THYSELF and thy belongings
Are not thine own so proper, as to waste
Thyself upon thy virtues, they on thee.
Heaven doth with us as we with torches do,
Not light them for ourselves ; for if our virtues
Did not go forth of us, 'twere all alike
As if we had them not.

Shakespeare.

YOUTH is dramatic, and plays to the gallery of its own eyes and ears.

Paul Dunbar.



January 29.

EMANUEL SWEDENBORG, 1688.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY, 1843.

MEN and women are equal, but not alike. They are equal none the less for being unlike. Each has the qualities which the other lacks. Each is adapted to the precise work which the other cannot do, or at least, cannot do as well. They are co-ordinate with each other. Both are necessary for filling out the true conception of humanity.

Swedenborg.

OH, save me from the haste and noise and heat
That spoil life's music sweet.

E. R. Sill.

January 30.

WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR, 1775.

THOSE who are quite satisfied, sit still and do nothing; those who are not quite satisfied are the sole benefactors of the world.

THE great man is he who hath nothing to fear, and nothing to hope from another. . . . It is he who hath no disposition or occasion for any kind of deceit, no reason for being or for appearing different from what he is.

Landor.

THE force of his own merit makes his way.

Shakespeare.

January 31.

SCHUBERT, 1797.

It is a curious fact that nearly all the great music of the world has been produced in humble life, and has been developed amid the environment of poverty, and in the stern struggle for existence.

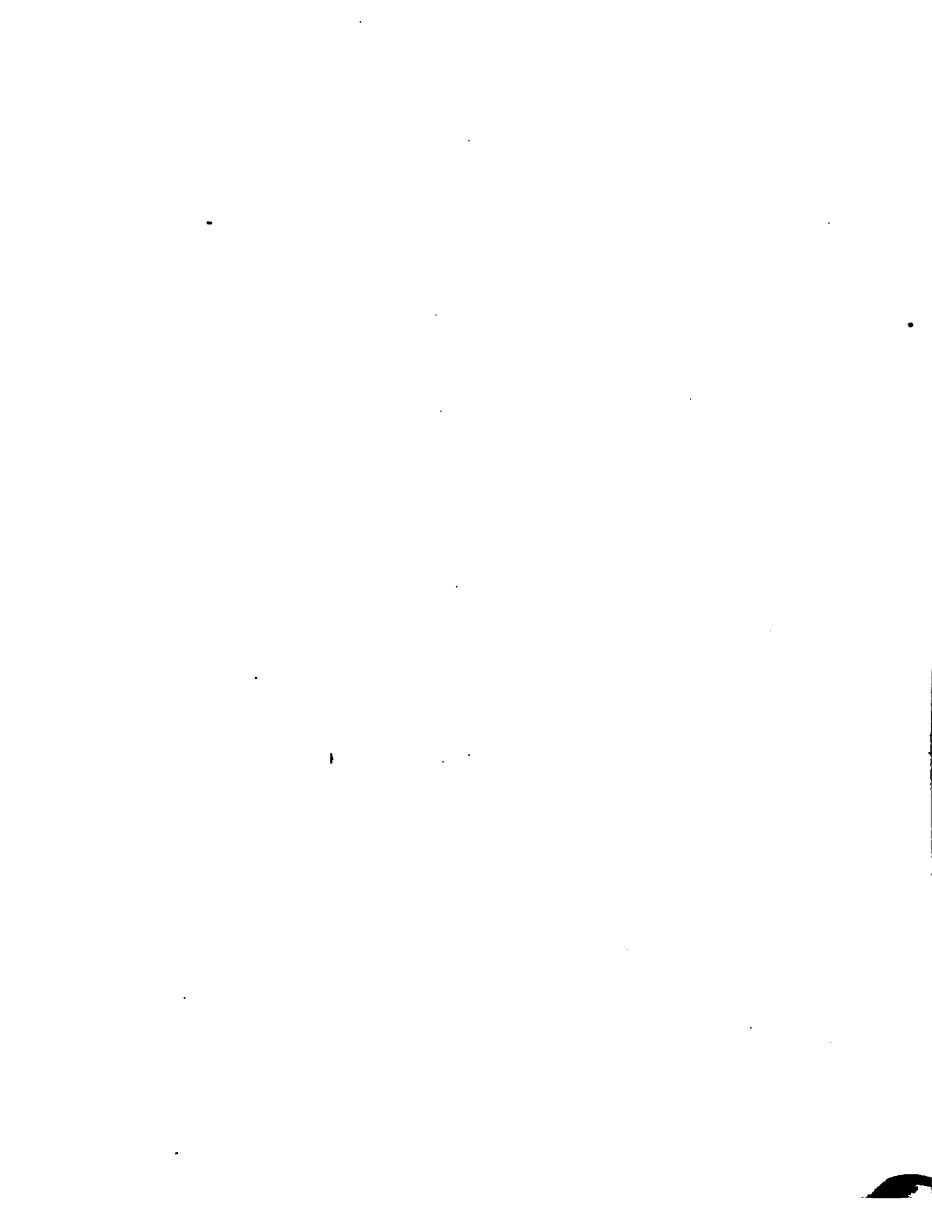
George P. Upton.

TRULY, Schubert is animated by a spark of the divine fire,

Beethoven.

JANUARY is the open gate of the year . . . open now to let in the lengthening daylight, which will soon fall upon patches of pale green, that show where spring is sleeping.

Southey.



February 1.

ARTHUR HENRY HALLAM, 1811.

. . . ONE of those friendships which enter into the fabric of life.

Herbert Spencer.

MY love involves the love before ;
My love is vaster passion now ;
Tho' mixed with God and Nature thou,
I seem to love thee more and more.

Far off thou art, but ever nigh ;
I have thee still, and I rejoice ;
I prosper, circled with thy voice ;
I shall not lose thee tho' I die.

Tennyson.

February 2. (CANDLEMAS.)

HANNAH MORE, 1745.

To those who know thee not, no words can paint !
And those who know thee know all words are faint !

Hannah More.

DEEP hearts, wise minds, take life as God has made it; it is a long trial, an unintelligible preparation for the unknown destiny. . . . Meantime, love and suffer, hope and contemplate. Woe, alas! to him who shall have loved bodies, forms, appearances only. Death will take all from him. Try to love souls—you shall find them again.

Victor Hugo.

February 3.

MENDELSSOHN, 1809. SIDNEY LANIER, 1842.

MUSIC hath the power of making Heaven descend upon earth.

Chinese Annals.

ALL one's life is a music, if one touches the notes rightly, and in time. . . . There's no music in a "rest," that I know of, but there's the making of music in it. And people are always missing that part of the life-melody, and scrambling on without counting—not that it's easy to count; but nothing on which so much depends ever is easy.

Ruskin.

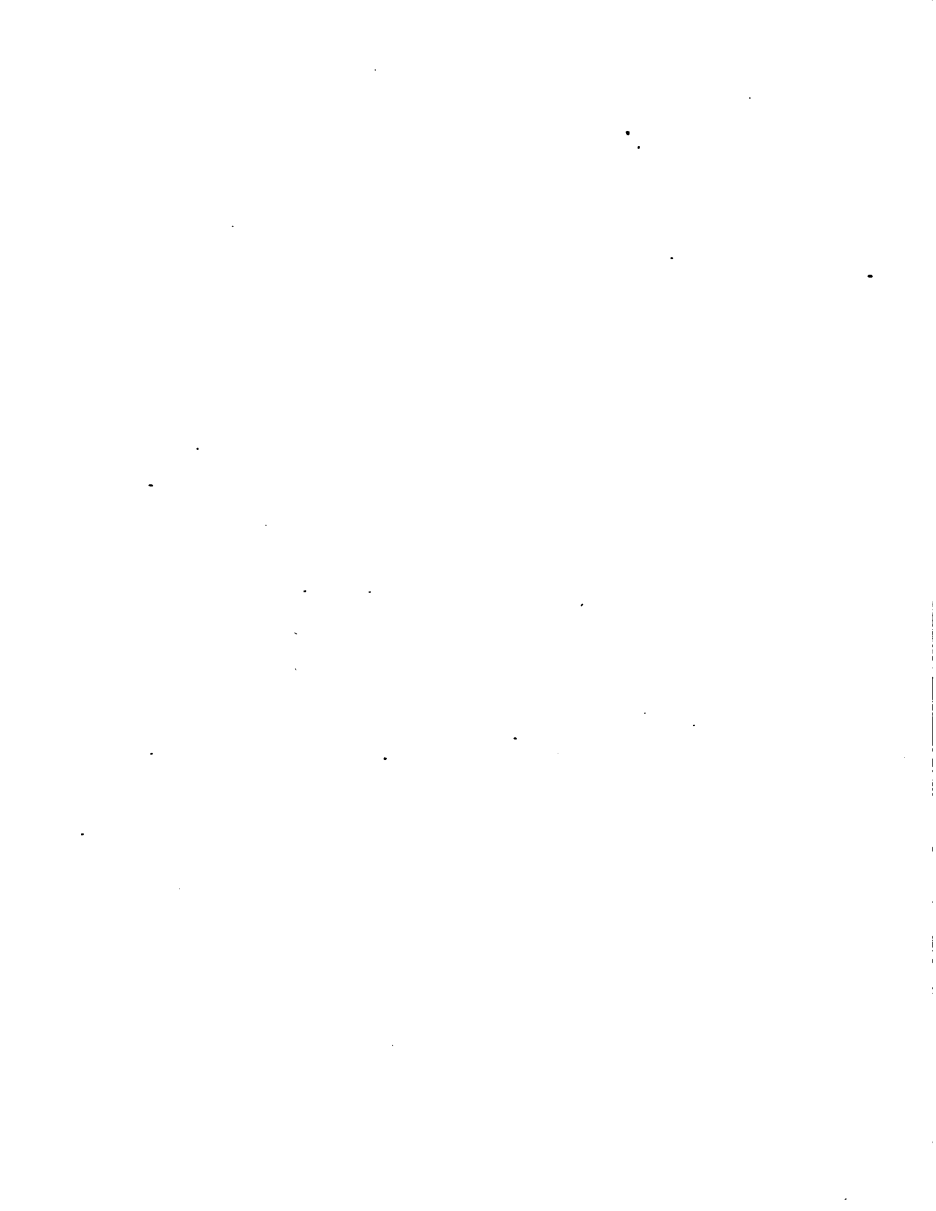
February 4.

THERE is a power in the direct glance of a sincere and loving human soul which will do more to dissipate prejudice and kindle charity than the most elaborate arguments.

George Eliot.

I FEEL the more, the more I know,
That friendship is a thing apart,
A mute assurance of the heart,
A faith that little cares for show.

Tennyson.



February 5.

"THE ideal woman . . . is full of sympathy, full of observation, with quick understanding of others' needs, thoughts, and feelings; absolutely sincere, of constant and even temper, and of a cheerfulness that never faileth; without caprice, without vanity, without selfishness of any kind; generous, open-handed, charitable to a fault."

HER books are written in men's souls.

Coleridge.

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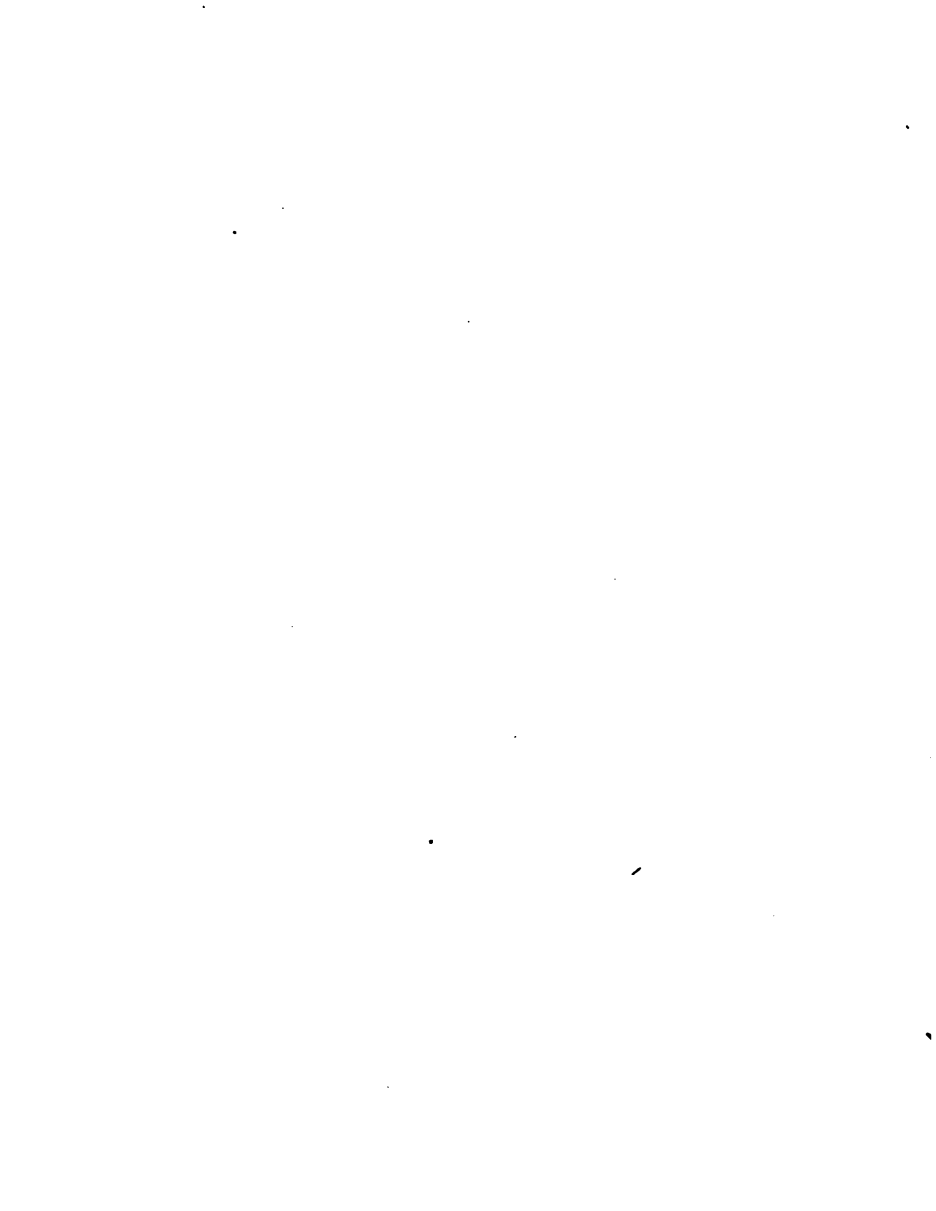
MADAME DE SÉVIGNÉ, 1626.

I BELIEVE that most women would be wiser, better, and therefore happier, for larger intellectual training. . . . For most women, it should be such as cultivates tastes which bring intelligent joys into the midst of any life.

S. Weir Mitchell.

YOUTHFUL effort, ambition, aspiration, hope, college character, and friendship have no artist to paint them—as yet. But whatever of poetry belongs to them is present in full measure here.

Goldwin Smith.



February 7.

CHARLES DICKENS, 1812.

FOR thence, — a paradox
Which comforts while it mocks, —
Shall life succeed in that it seems to fail :

What I aspired to be,
And was not, comforts me ;
A brute I might have been, but would not sink i' the scale.

Robert Browning.

HE strikes a hundred lyres, a thousand strings,
Yet one at heart are all the songs he sings.

William Watson.

February 8.

JOHN RUSKIN, 1819.

BUT it is to you, ye workers, who do already work, . . .
that the whole world calls for new work and nobleness ;
. . . to make some nook of God's creation a little fruit-
fuller, better, more worthy of God ; to make some human
hearts a little wiser, manfuller, happier, — more blessed.

Carlyle.

. . . INTELLECT is the power by which such [spiritual]
things are discerned, and imagination is that by which
they are expressed.

Coventry Patmore.

February 9.

HER reliance in her smallest words and deeds on a divine guidance, always issued in that finest woman's tact which proceeds from acute and ready sympathy.

George Eliot.

QUIET talk she liketh best,
In a bower of gentle looks, —
Watering flowers, or reading books.

And her voice it murmurs lowly
As a silver stream may run,
Which yet feels, you feel, the sun.

E. B. Browning.

February 10.

CHARLES LAMB, 1775. ARY SCHAFFER, 1795.

OH, we're sunk enough here, God knows!
But not quite so sunk that moments,
Sure though seldom, are denied us,
When the spirit's true endowments
Stand out plainly from its false ones,
And apprise it if pursuing
Or the right way or the wrong way,
To its triumph or undoing.

Robert Browning.

WHO first invented work, and bound the free
And holiday-rejoicing spirit down
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To that dry drudgery at the desk's dead wood?

Charles Lamb.

February 11.

LYDIA MARIA CHILD, 1802.

WORK holds man together, braced at all points ; it does not suffer him to doze or wander ; it keeps him actively conscious of himself, yet raised among superior interests ; it gives him the profit of industry with the pleasures of a pastime.

Stevenson.

THERE is no such thing as chance, and what seems to us Merest accident, springs from the deepest source of destiny.

Schiller.

February 12.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, 1809. CHARLES DARWIN, 1809.

ONE honest man, one wise man, one peaceful man, commands a hundred millions, without a baton and without a charger.

Landor.

GREAT men are the fire pillars in this dark pilgrimage of mankind ; they stand as heavenly signs, everlasting witnesses of what has been, prophetic tokens of what may still be, the revealed embodied Possibilities of human nature.

Carlyle.



February 13.

TALLEYRAND, 1754.

BOUND on a voyage of awful length,
And dangers little known,
A stranger to superior strength,
Man vainly trusts his own.

But oars alone can ne'er prevail
To reach the distant coast,
The breath of heav'n must swell the sail,
Or all the toil is lost.

Cowper.

THERE is something fascinating about science; one gets such wholesale returns of conjecture out of a trifling investment of facts.

Mark Twain.

February 14.

ST. VALENTINE.

APOLLO has peeped through the shutter,
And awaken'd the witty and fair;
The boarding-school belle's in a flutter,
The two penny post's in despair;
The breath of the morning is flinging
A magic on blossom and spray,
And cockneys and sparrows are singing
In chorus on Valentine's Day.

Praed.

MAN is helped by woman's society, while women grow more refined and gentle in the society of men.

Mary A. Livermore.

February 15.

GALILEO, 1564.

SUBMISSION, then, is not defeat; on the contrary, it is strength.

Aniel's Journal.

. . . LETTING go the unworthy things that meet us, — pretence, worry, discontent, and self-seeking, — and taking loyal hold of time, work, present happiness, love, duty, friendship, let us so live . . . as to be an inspiration, strength, and blessing to those whose lives are touched by ours.

"What is Worth While."

February 16.

PHILIP MELANCHTHON, 1497.

YOUR daily duties are a part of your religious life just as much as your devotions. . . .

IN this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich.

H. W. Beecher.

BEHOLD, we know not anything;
I can but trust that good shall fall
At last — far off — at last to all,
And every winter change to spring.

Tennyson.

February 17.

LEARNING by study must be won ;
'Twas ne'er entail'd from son to son.

Gay.

YOUR own degree of worth and talent, is it of *infinite* value to you, or only of finite,—measurable by the degree of currency, and conquest of praise or pudding, it has brought you to?

Carlyle.

February 18.

I HAVE always found that the less we speak of our intentions, the more chance there is of our realizing them.

Ruskin.

THE happiness of love is in action ; its test is what one is willing to do for others.

Lew Wallace.



February 19.

COPERNICUS, 1473.

NOTHING can be great which is not right. Nothing which reason condemns can be suitable to the dignity of the human mind. To be driven by external motives from the path which our own heart approves, to give way to anything but conviction, . . . is to submit tamely to the lowest and most ignominious slavery.

Samuel Johnson.

COME forth into the light of things,
Let Nature be your Teacher.

Wordsworth.

February 20.

HENRY FOWLE DURANT, 1822.

As I recall the greatest things that have ever happened in my world, there stands out conspicuous the founding of Wellesley College by Henry F. Durant. It tells me, as it has told many, that the greatest thing in the world is not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

Alice Freeman Palmer.

OUR souls grow fine
With keen vibrations from the touch divine,
Of noble natures gone.

Lowell.

February 21.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, 1801.

LEAD, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on !

So long Thy power has blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone ;
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

MERE natural virtue wears away when men neglect to
deepen it into religious principle.

Cardinal Newman.

February 22.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, 1732.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, 1819.

FULFIL existing promises before you make new promises.

Bear your own burdens first; after that, try to help
carry those of other people.

George Washington.

BLESSED are those
Whose blood and judgment are so well commingled
That they are not a pipe for Fortune's finger
To sound what stop she please.

Shakespeare.

February 23.

HÄNDEL, 1685.

Is it any weakness, pray, to be wrought on by exquisite music? — to feel its wondrous harmonies searching the subtlest windings of your soul . . . and binding together your whole being, past and present, in one unspeakable vibration ?

George Eliot.

SILVER key of the fountain of tears,
Where the spirit drinks till the brain is wild ;
Softest grave of a thousand fears.
Where their mother, Care, like a drowsy child,
Is laid asleep in flowers.

Shelley on "Music."

February 24.

GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS, 1824.

EVERYBODY felt that there was something finer in the man than anything he ever said.

Earl of Chatham.

His fine perception, his clear sense, his noble imagination, illuminated every question . . . his heart beat with the simple emotion of a boy's heart, and his courtesy was as delicate as a girl's modesty.

Of "George William Curtis."

February 25.

It is a high, solemn, almost awful thought for every individual man, that his earthly influence, which has had a commencement, will never through all ages, were he the very meanest of us, have an end !

Carlyle.

. . . ONE whose fond
Clear-sighted vision looked beyond
The bounds of her infirmity,
And saw the woman perfectly
Modelled and wrought out pure and true
And lovable.

James Whitcomb Riley.

February 26.

VICTOR HUGO, 1802.

LE suprême bonheur de la vie, c'est la conviction qu'on est aimé ; aimé pour soi-même, disons mieux, aimé malgré soi-même.

CERTAIN thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees. . . . What love begins, can only be finished by God.

Victor Hugo.



February 27.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW, 1807.

BUT breathe the air
Of mountains, and their unapproachable summits
Will lift thee to the level of themselves.

Longfellow.

A WHOLE-SOULED, cordial, yet dignified and modest manner is a fine heritage. . . . I like the man who preserves a certain dignity, but yet is pliant; who is open and frank, and looks you honestly in the face; who speaks out confidently, yet calmly; modestly, yet firmly; who is neither bluff nor blunt, but yet free and simple.

Mrs. Humphry Ward.

February 28.

MONTAIGNE, 1533. MARY LYON, 1797.

DEEPER than chords that search the soul and die,
Mocking to ashes color's hot array, —
Closer than touch, — within our hearts they lie —
The words we do not say!

Martha Gilbert Dickinson.

OUR souls have kept so even a pace together, and we have with such a fervent affection laid open the very bottom of our hearts to one another's views, that I not only know his as well as I do my own, but should certainly much rather trust my interest with him than with myself.

Montaigne.



February 29.

ROSSINI, 1792.

How soon a smile of God can change the world!
How we are made for happiness — how work
Grows play, adversity a winning fight!

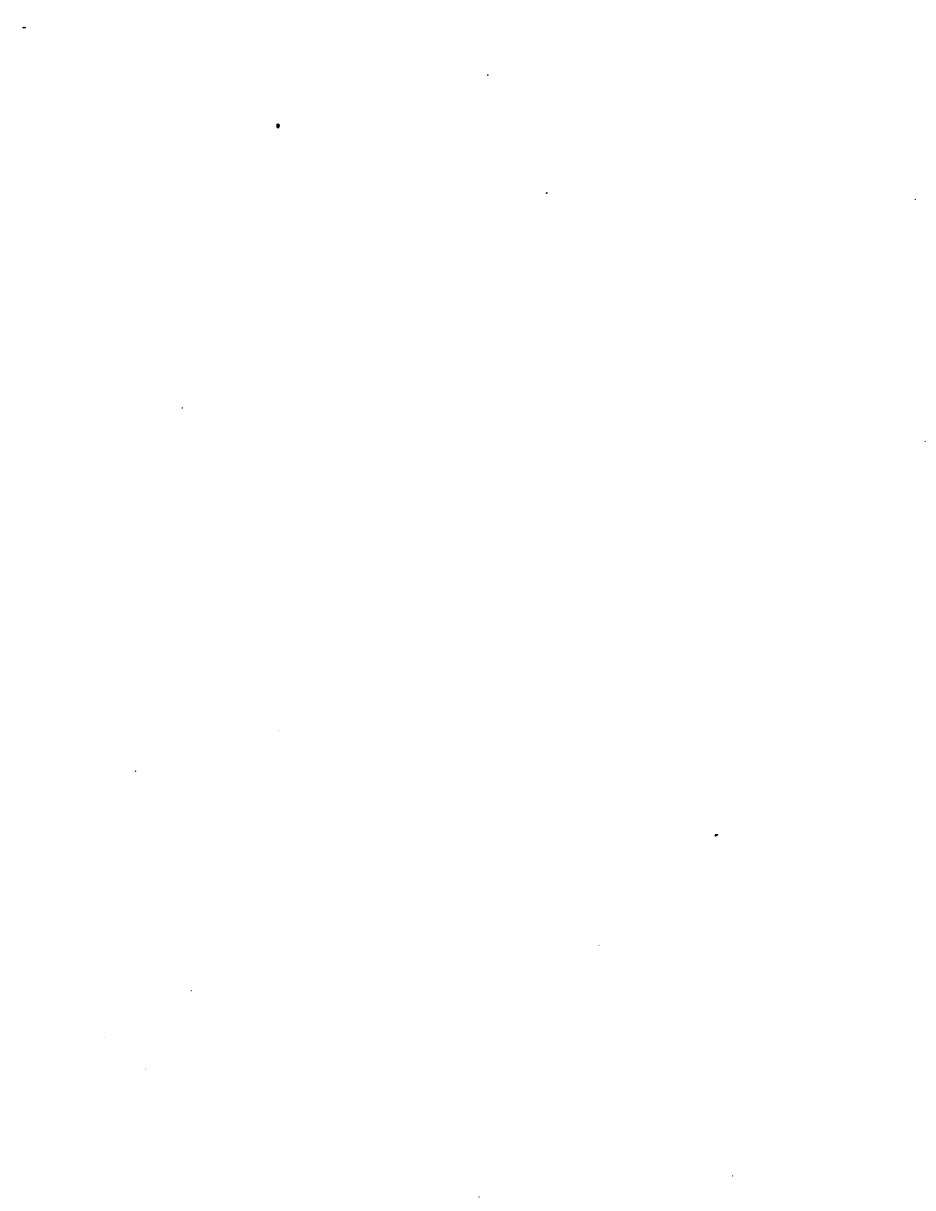
Robert Browning.

OUR life is determined for us ; and it makes the mind
very free when we give up wishing, and only think of
bearing what is laid upon us, and doing what is given us
to do.

George Eliot.

BUT Winter has yet brighter scenes — he boasts
Splendors beyond what gorgeous Summer knows,
Or Autumn with his many fruits and woods
All flushed with many hues. Come when the rains
Have glazed the snow and clothed the trees with ice,
While the slant sun of February pours
Into the bowers a flood of light. Approach!
The incrustated surface shall upbear thy steps,
And the broad arching portals of the grove
Welcome thy entering.

W. C. Bryant.



March 1.

WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS, 1838.

I CANNOT see why Max O'Rell should have exclaimed with such unction, that if he were to be born again he would choose to be an American woman. . . . She not only has in hand (generally) the emancipation of the American woman, but the reformation of the American man, and the education of the American child.

Kate Douglas Wiggin.

LIFE's great results are something slow.

Howells.

March 2.

FRIENDSHIP improves happiness and abates misery by the doubling of our joy and the dividing of our grief.

Cicero.

FOR if you would remember me aright —
As I was born to be — you must forget
All fitful, strange, and moody waywardness
Which e'er confused my better spirit, to dwell
Only on moments such as these, dear friends!
My heart no truer, but my words and ways
More true to it.

Robert Browning,

March 3.

LIFE is a business we are all apt to mismanage ; either living recklessly from day to day, or suffering ourselves to be gulled out of our moments by the inanities of custom. We should despise a man who gave as little activity and forethought to the conduct of any other business. . . . We cannot see the forest for the trees. . . . And it is only on rare provocation that we can rise to take an outlook beyond daily concerns.

Stevenson.

MAKE each day a critic on the last.

Pope.

March 4.

THINKING's praying, very often, don't you think so? . . . What is it but praying when you try to bear up after losing all you cared to live for? And very good praying, too. There can be prayers without words just as well as songs, I suppose.

Du Maurier's "Trilby."

WHEN friends are at your hearthstone met,
Sweet courtesy has done its most,
If you have made each guest forget
That he himself is not the host.

T. B. Aldrich.



March 5.

JAMES MADISON, 1751.

KIND words and liberal estimates, and generous acknowledgment, and ready appreciation, and unselfish delight in the excellence of others—these are the truest signs of a large intellect and a noble spirit.

Canon Farrar.

EVER facing Eastwards amid the whirl of life.

Père Gratry.

March 6.

MICHAEL ANGELO, 1475.

ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING, 1809.

GENIUS is eternal patience.

Michael Angelo.

How do I love thee? . . .

I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;

I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.

I love thee with the passion put to use

In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.

I love thee with a love I seemed to lose

With my lost saints — I love thee with the breath,

Smiles, tears, of all my life! and, if God choose,

I shall but love thee better after death.

E. B. Browning.



March 7.

SIR EDWIN LANDSEER, 1802.

PLUCK the flower that blooms at thy door;
Cherish the love that the day may send :
Cometh an hour when all thy store
Vainly were offered for flower or friend.

Gratefully take what life offereth,
Looking to heaven nor seeking reward,
So shalt thou find, come life, come death,
Earth and the sky are in sweet accord.

Louise Manning Hodgkins.

O PASSING sweet communion
Of young hearts, warm and true !

Eugene Field.

March 8.

A CONSERVATIVE is a man who will not look at the new moon out of respect for that ancient institution, the old one !

Douglas Ferrolld.

Go to your work and be strong, halting not in your ways,
Balking the end half-won for an instant dole of praise.
Stand to your work and be wise — certain of sword and pen,
Who are neither children nor Gods, but men in a world 'of men.

Rudyard Kipling.

March 9.

A FEW great things the soul of man sustain;
These are its breath of life, its food, its rest;
Some few to love us (one to love us best),
And faith in God no trouble can distract.

Edith M. Thomas.

THE child and the savage believe of necessity that the future will resemble the past; and it is only philosophy which raises doubts on the subject.

John Fiske.

March 10.

You will find yourself refreshed by the presence of cheerful people. Why not make earnest effort to confer that pleasure on others? You will find half the battle gained if you never allow yourself to say anything gloomy.

Lydia Maria Child.

"Joy is a duty," — so with golden lore
The Hebrew rabbis taught in days of yore,
And happy human hearts heard in their speech
Almost the highest wisdom man can reach.

Henry Van Dyke.



March 11.

YET of these our old comrades, from whom more than time and space separate us, there are some by whose sides we can feel sure that we shall stand again when time shall be no more.

Thomas Hughes.

WE will walk this world
Yoked in all exercise of noble end ;
And so thro' those dark gates across the wild
That no man knows.

Tennyson.

March 12.

TASTE consists in a capacity of *reception*—that is to say, of recognizing as such what is right, fit, beautiful, or the reverse ; in other words, of discriminating the good from the bad.

Schopenhauer.

REJOICE we are allied
To That which doth provide
And not partake, effect and not receive !
A spark disturbs our clod ;
Nearer we hold of God
Who gives, than of his tribes that take,
I must believe.

Robert Browning.



March 13.

(PRESIDENT) WILLIAM F. WARREN, 1833.

So here hath been dawning another blue day :
Think, wilt thou let it slip useless away ?

Out of Eternity this new day was born :
Into Eternity at night will return.

Behold it aforetime no eye ever did :
So soon it forever from all eyes is hid.

Here hath been dawning another blue day :
Think, wilt thou let it slip useless away ?

Carlyle.

He only can enrich me who can recommend to me the
space between sun and sun.

Emerson.

March 14.

. . . BE still and strong,
And keep thy Soul's large window pure from wrong.

E. B. Browning.

EVERY true light of science, every mercifully granted
power, every wisely restricted thought, teach us more
clearly day by day that in the heavens above, and the
earth beneath, there is one continual and omnipotent
presence of help and of peace, for all men who know that
they Live, and remember that they must Die.

Ruskin.

March 15.

THE greatest pleasure I know, is to do a good action by stealth — and to have it found out by accident.

Charles Lamb.

COLLEGE settlements, if they are to be the expression of a permanent life, must help in bringing in the new order, — that order where the labor of the world being more equally distributed, may be changed for every man into healthful work.

Helena S. Dudley.

March 16.

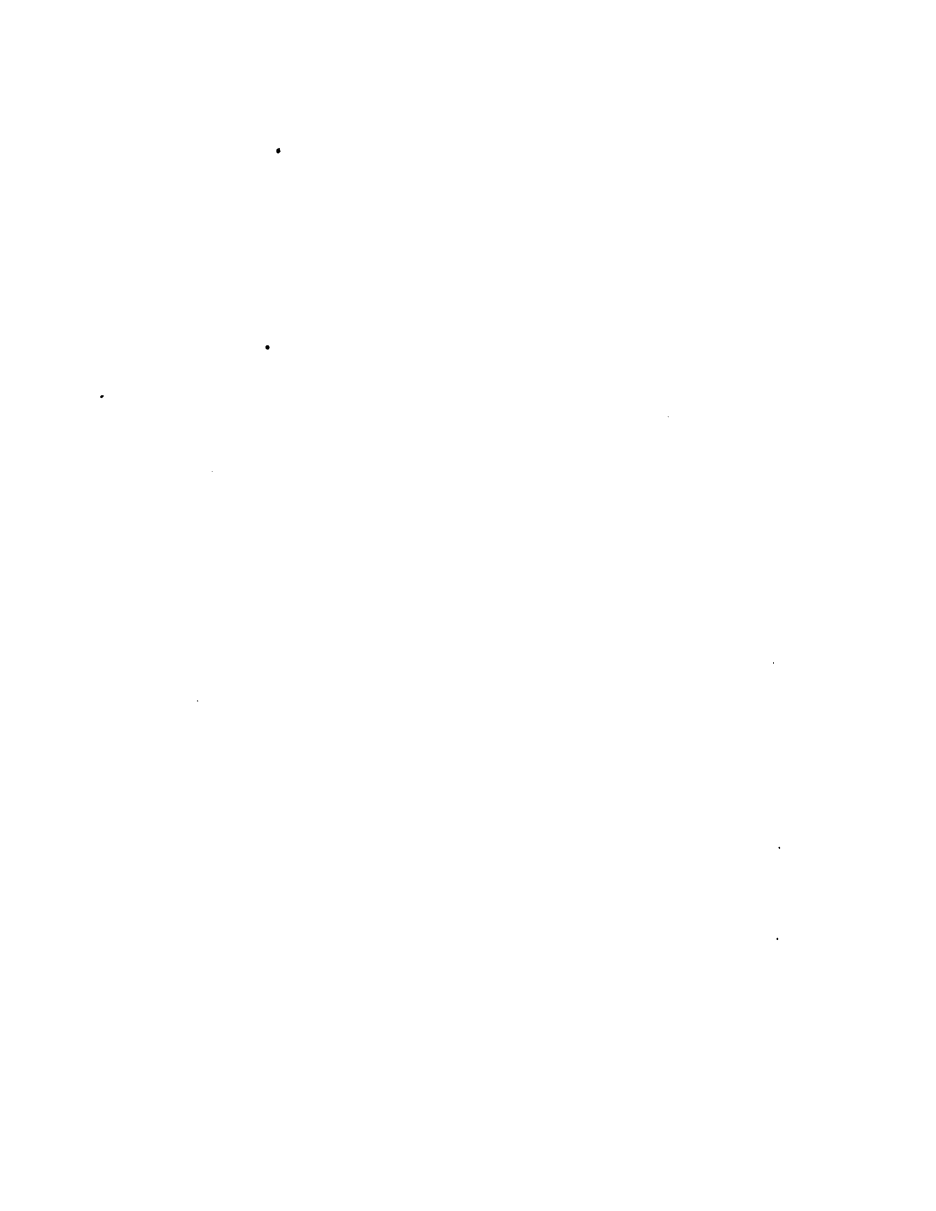
THOSE who are very difficult in choosing wives seem as if they would take none of Nature's ready-made works, but want a woman manufactured particularly to their order. . . .

Women are not angels. If they were, they would go to heaven for husbands; or, at least, be more difficult in their choice on earth.

Hawthorne.

THE bravest are the tenderest,
The loving are the daring.

Bayard Taylor.



March 17.

MADAME ROLAND, 1754.

C'EST la femme qui fait les mœurs.

Bishop of Manchester.

ALL she said and did and wore, appeared to be a part of herself; there was a sweet directness, a placid oneness about her, which inspired belief and caused contentment.

Jean Ingelow.

March 18.

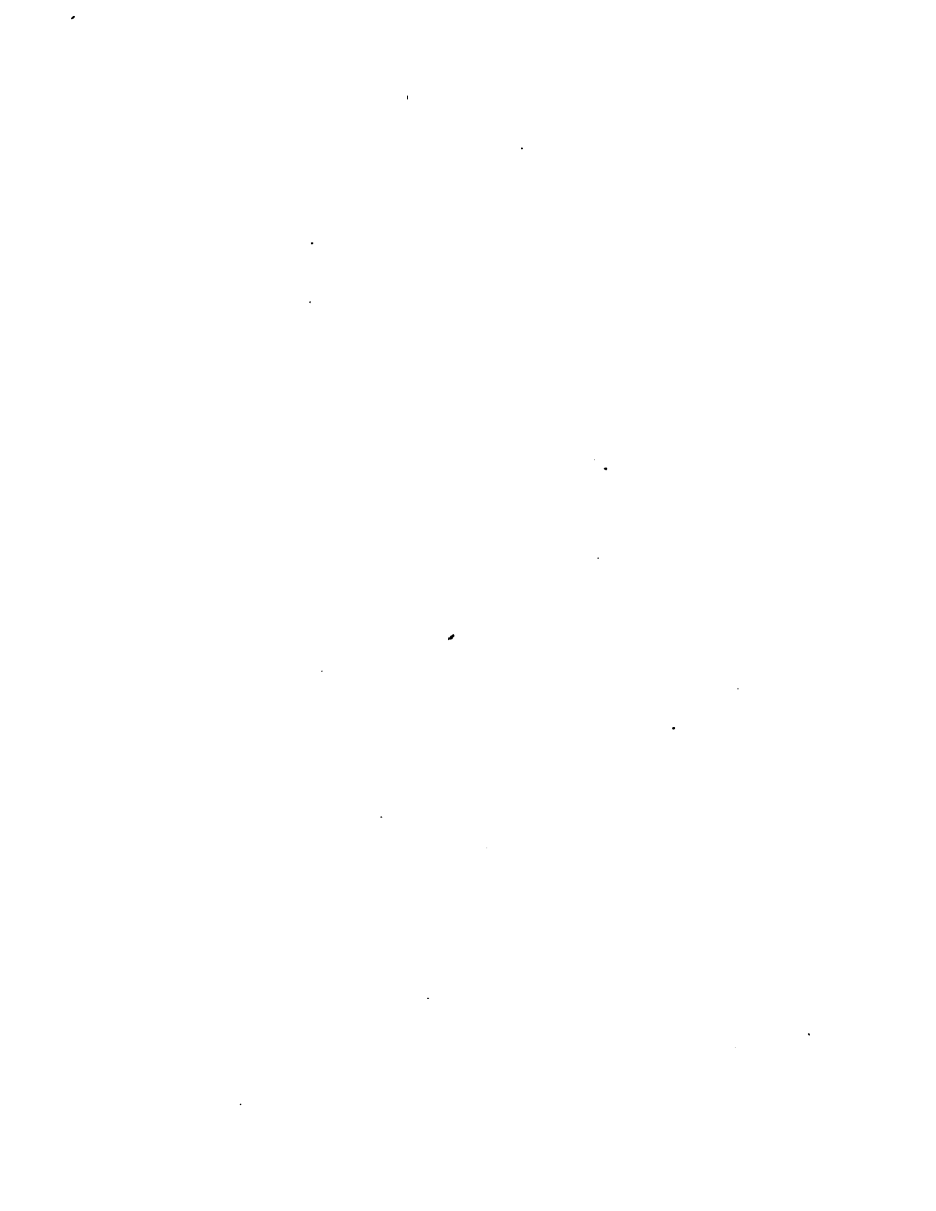
GROVER CLEVELAND, 1837.

THERE is no true friendship but that which God cements.

St. Augustine.

ONLY a good man can be a teacher; only a benevolent man; only a man willing to teach. . . . All of knowledge we can communicate is finite; a few pages, a few chapters, a few volumes, will embrace it; but such an influence is of incalculable power. It is the breath of a new life; it is another soul.

Charles Sumner.



March 19.

DAVID LIVINGSTONE, 1813.

THAT is the central thing in man, — the ability to feel and to respond to motives for action ; to feel — that is, to cast one's self with all one's powers into a cause or purpose . . . this is the grand and central characteristic of man.

T. T. Munger.

THE sea, mine, battle, storm, and dangerous way —
These, men must meet . . .
Women, that stay at home, escape it all,
But men must suffer, if the heavens fall.

James Bartlett Wiggin.

March 20.

(PRESIDENT) CHARLES W. ELIOT.

IF a man will be content with nothing but the best thought, best work, best friends, best environment, he need not trouble about avoiding the worst. The good drives out the bad.

Ian Maclaren.

My heart
For better lore would seldom yearn,
Could I but teach the hundredth part
Of what from thee I learn.

Wordsworth.



March 21.

J. S. BACH, 1685.

IN every note struck anywhere, there is an accordant note in some human brain. . . . In music, all hearts are revealed to us, and we sympathize with all hearts.

Robert Shorthouse.

IF "ignorance is bliss," I am more convinced every day that there is a great deal of happiness in this world.

Proverbial Philosophy.

March 22.

OH, what a dawn of day!
How the March sun feels like May!
All is blue again
After last night's rain,
And the South dries the hawthorn-spray.
Only, my Love's away!
I'd as lief that the blue were gray.

Robert Browning.

TRY to frequent the company of your betters. In books and life that is the most wholesome society; learn to admire greatly; the great pleasure of life is that.

Thackeray.



March 23.

THEN I would say to the young disciple of Truth and Beauty, who would know how to satisfy the noble impulse of his heart: . . . Give the world beneath your influence a *direction* towards the good, and the tranquil rhythm of time will bring its development.

Schiller.

WITH admiration I behold
Thy gladness unsubdued and bold;
Thy looks, thy gestures, all present
The picture of a life well spent.

Wordsworth.

March 24.

LET then the woman while training her mind, use for this such knowledge-getting as may help her thereafter to enlarge her views of life, such as may give to existence —

“The sweetness which is of sweetness born,
The sweetness born of strength.”

S. Weir Mitchell.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for any one else.

Dickens.



March 25.

THEN suddenly the awe grew deep,
As of a day to which all days
Were footsteps in God's secret ways,
Until a folding sense, like prayer,
Which is, as God is, everywhere,
Gathered about thee.

D. G. Rossetti.

FOR then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea,
thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear: . . . thou
shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

Job.

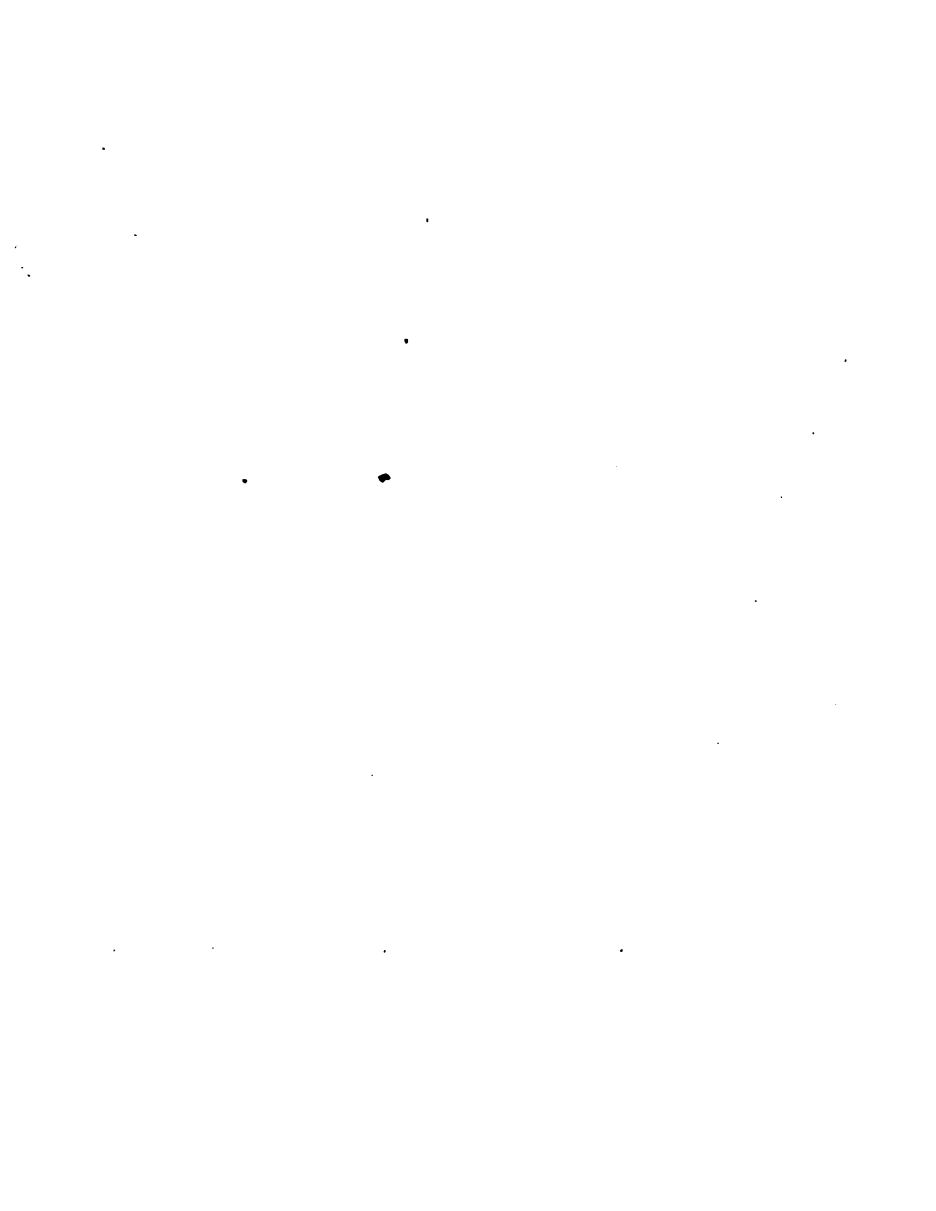
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WE are wrong always, when we think too much
Of what we think or are; albeit our thoughts
Be verily bitter as self-sacrifice,
We're no less selfish. If we sleep on rocks
Or roses, sleeping past the hour of noon,
We're lazy.

E. B. Browning.

THEN welcome each rebuff
That turns earth's smoothness rough,
Each sting that bids nor sit nor stand but go!

Robert Browning.



March 27.

WE can never replace a friend. When a man is fortunate enough to have several, he finds they are all different.

Schiller.

ALTER? When the hills do.
Falter? When the sun
Question if his glory
Be the perfect one.

Surfeit? When the daffodil
Doth of the dew :
Even as herself, O Friend !
I will of you !

Emily Dickinson.

March 28.

WHAT we all want is inward rest, — rest of heart and brain : the calm, strong, self-contained, self-denying character ; . . . strong enough to use God's gifts without abusing them ; the character, in a word, which is truly temperate in all desires, thoughts, and actions.

Charles Kingsley.

LIVE purely ; so shalt thou acquire
Unknown capacities for joy.

Coventry Patmore.



March 29.

It is well that a man should say what he has to say in good order and sequence, but the main thing is to say it truly.

Ruskin.

Good work, work that is worth doing and will last. needs time, quietness, space; does not Nature teach this in her slow but perfect development?

Find out what work God has called you to do . . . and do everything as perfectly as possible, even the smallest things.

London Spectator.

March 30.

If you have built castles in the air your work need not be lost; that is where they should be built; now put the foundations under them.

Thoreau.

THROUGH love to light! Oh wonderful the way
That leads from darkness to the perfect day!
From darkness and from sorrow of the night
To morning that comes singing o'er the sea.
Through love to light! Through light, O God, to thee,
Who art the love of love, the eternal light of light.

R. W. Gilder.



March 31.

NOTHING bursts forth all at once. The lightning may dart out of a black cloud ; but the day sends his bright heralds before him to prepare the world for his coming.

Augustus Hare.

THERE are millions of loving thoughts and deeds
All ripe for awakening,
That never could start from the world's cold heart,
But for sorrow and suffering.
Yes, the blackening night is sombre and cold,
And the day was warm and fine ;
And yet if the day never faded away
The stars would never shine.

Robert Beverly Hale.

Ah, March ! we know thou art
Kind hearted, spite of ugly looks and threats,
And, out of sight, art nursing April's violets !

H. H. Jackson.



April 1.

BISMARCK, 1815.

WHO does i' the wars more than his captain can,
Becomes his captain's captain; and ambition,
The soldier's virtue, rather makes choice of loss,
Than gain which darkens him.

Shakespeare.

HE who will do great things must pull himself together:
it is in working within limits that the master comes out.

Goethe.

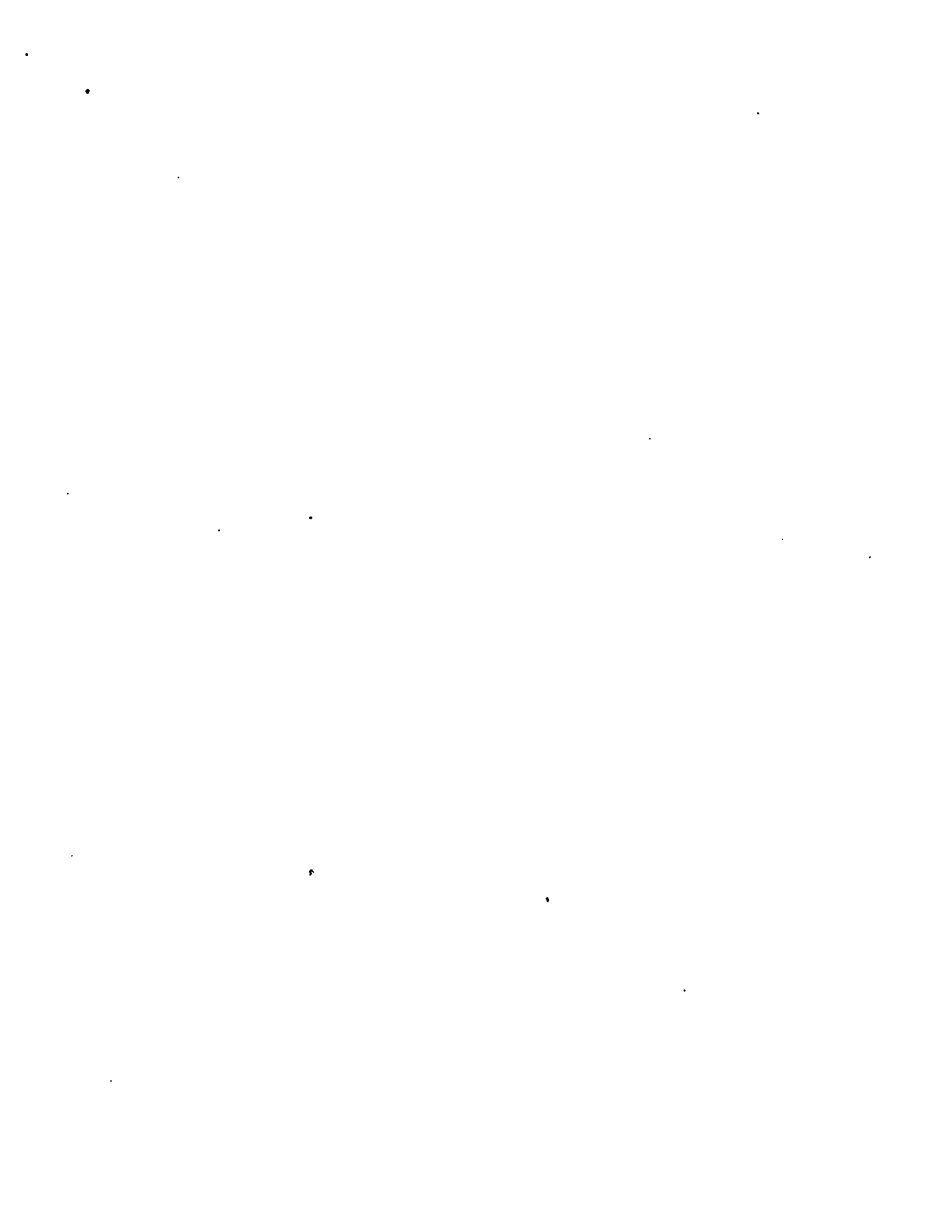
April 2.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, 1743.

THE sun sheds his gold,
The rivulet sings,
Blue-birds unfold
Sky-tinted wings,
Christ is arisen,
All is made new.

The heart sheds her gold,
Joy ripples and sings,
Spirits unfold
God-seeking wings,
Christ is arisen,
All is made new.

Katherine Lee Bates,



April 3.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE, 1822.

It is well to cultivate a large undergrowth of small pleasures, for there are few large pleasures let out on long leases.

Mary A. Livermore.

LOOK up, and not down,
Look forward, and not backward,
Look out, and not in,
And lend a hand.

E. E. Hale.

April 4.

TRAINING is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.

Mark Twain.

It is the privilege and proper condition of a human being, arrived at the maturity of his faculties, to use and interpret experience in his own way. It is for him to find out what part of recorded experience is properly applicable to his own circumstances and character.

John Stuart Mill.

April 5.

THE great world, the great aggregate experience, has its good sense, as it has its good-humor. It detects a pretender, as it trusts a loyal heart.

Thackeray.

If you would fall into any extreme, let it be on the side of gentleness. The human mind is so constructed that it resists rigor and yields to softness.

St. Francis de Sales.

April 6.

RAPHAEL, 1483.

— THE Mother with the Child
Whose tender winning arts
Have to his little arms beguiled
So many wounded hearts !

Matthew Arnold.

HIS life was gentle ; and the elements
So mix'd in him, that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, " This was a man ! "

Shakespeare.

April 7.

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH, 1770.

SMALL service is true service while it lasts ;
Of friends, however humble, scorn not one ;
The daisy, by the shadow that it casts,
Protects the ling'ring dewdrop from the sun.

Wordsworth.

A COURAGE which looks easy and yet is rare : the courage of a teacher repeating day after day the same lessons — the least rewarded of all forms of courage.

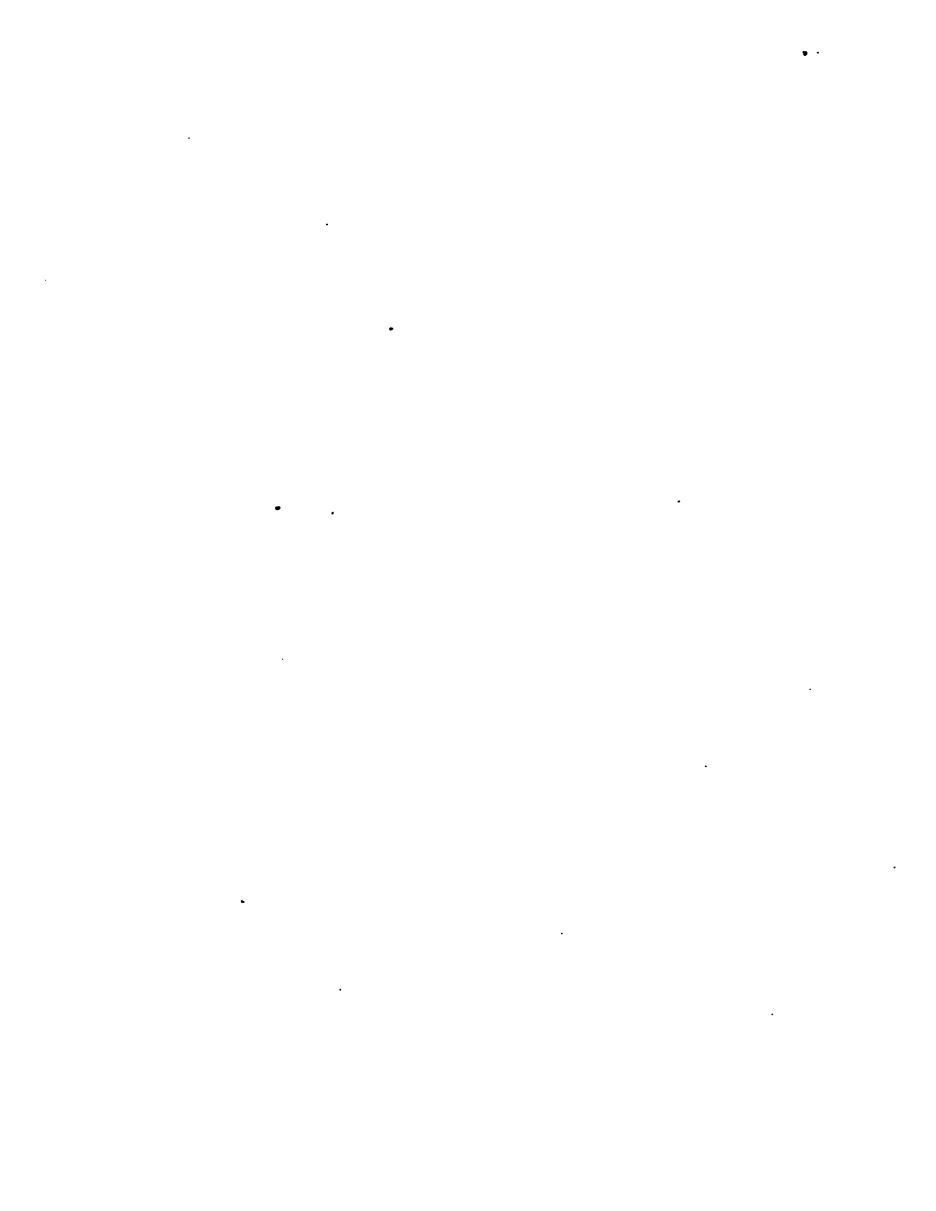
Balzac.

April 8.

FRIENDSHIP should be slow of growth. The flower that blooms earliest fades the first. The oak utters its leaves timorously, but it preserves them through the winter.

Few people give themselves time to be friends, — a natural consequence of a more general maxim, that few people give themselves time to be as wise, as good, and as happy as Heaven designed them, even in the present mortal state.

Southey.



April 9.

KIND looks, kind words, kind acts, and warm handshakes, these are secondary means of grace when men are in trouble, and are fighting their unseen battles.

John Hall.

— FOR God above
Is mighty to grant, as mighty to make,
And creates the love to reward the love,
I claim you still, for my own love's sake.

Robert Browning.

April 10.

HE who is faithful over a few things is a lord of cities. It does not matter whether you preach in Westminster Abbey, or teach a ragged class, so you be faithful — the faithfulness is all.

George Macdonald.

HABIT is habit, and not to be flung out of the window by any man, but coaxed down stairs a step at a time.

Mark Twain.



April 11.

EDWARD EVERETT, 1794.

GRANT that I may be inwardly pure, and that my lot may be such as shall best agree with a right disposition of the mind.

Prayer of Socrates.

THE value of the future depends entirely upon the value attached to to-day. He has mastered the secret of life who has learned the value of the present moment, who sees the beauty of present surroundings, and who recognizes the possibility of sainthood in his neighbors.

The Outlook.

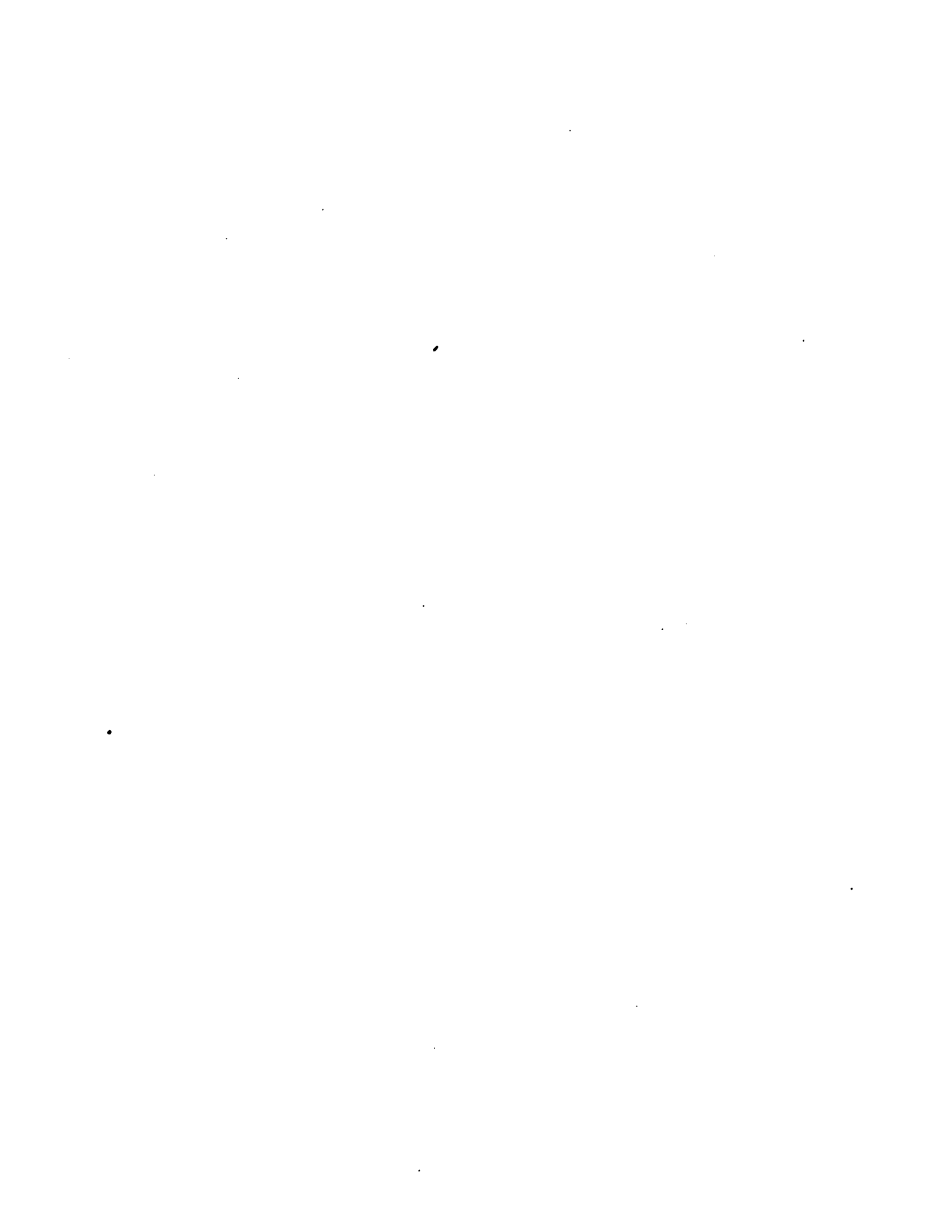
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THERE is ever a song somewhere, my dear,
Be the skies above or dark or fair,
There is ever a song that our hearts may hear,
There is ever a song somewhere, my dear,
There is ever a song somewhere.

James Whitcomb Riley.

THE eye sees only that which brings with it the power of seeing.

Charles Kingsley.



April 13.

Do ye nexte thynges.

Old English Motto.

THE myriad wings a-tremble
The marvellous throats a-strain,
Come the airy migrant people
In the wake of the purple rain.

The wide green marvel of summer
Breaks from catkin and sheath,
So silently only a spirit
Could guess at the spirit beneath.

Something brighter than morning
Washes the window-pane;
Something wiser than knowledge
Sits by the hearth again.

Bliss Carman.

April 14.

O SUBTLE secret of the air,
Making the things that are not, fair
Beyond the things that we can reach
And name with names of clumsy speech.

H. H. Jackson.

. . . To feel yourself going out in joyful admiration
for that which is noble and permanent, and freezing
inwardly against whatever is pretentious, wire-drawn, and
temporary — this is indeed to taste of the fruit of the
tree, once forbidden, of the knowledge of good and evil.

Augustine Birrell.

April 15.

OUR race is on the eve of its final triumph. Man is within the last stride of perfection; woman, redeemed from the thralldom against which our sibyl uplifts so powerful and so sad a remonstrance, stands equal by his side, or communes for herself with angels.

Hawthorne.

THINE own heart — it is a paradise
Which everlasting Spring has made its own.

Shelley.

April 16.

EXTREME *busyness*, whether at school or college, kirk or market, is a symptom of deficient vitality; and a faculty for idleness implies a catholic appetite, and a strong sense of personal identity.

Stevenson.

FOR I have ease, and I have health,
And I have spirits light as air,
And more than wisdom, more than wealth,
A merry heart that laughs at care!

H. H. Milman.



April 17.

MOST words have a story of their own, sometimes quite a romantic one, often philosophic, always suggestive; frequently taking the one who would explore for himself away down deep into the roots of things. . . . Try it—the study of words. The romance of it will enchant you; the study will do you good.

Amanda B. Harris.

NOTHING is so characteristic of the culture of the individual as the objects with which his attention most loves to busy itself.

Matthew Arnold.

April 18.

So now, while I feel thee fallible, I find (as 'twere fate's choice boon !)

That reverence has keyed my love too high, and that sympathy sets it in tune.

Edgar Fawcett.

IT seems to me it's the same with love and happiness as with sorrow—the more we know of it the better we can feel what other people's lives are or might be, and so we shall only be more tender to them, and wishful to help them.

George Eliot.



April 19. (PATRIOTS' DAY.)

WAR WITH SPAIN BEGUN, 1898.

OUR country! In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong.

Stephen Decatur.

MAY we not say . . . that the hour of spiritual enfranchisement is even this: When your Ideal World, wherein the whole man has been dimly struggling and inexpressibly languishing to work, becomes revealed and thrown open; and you discover . . . that your "America" is here or nowhere? The Situation that has not its Duty, its Ideal, was never yet occupied by man.

Carlyle.

April 20.

W. H. FURNESS, 1802.

HE reads most wisely who thinks everything into a book that it is capable of holding. . . . For remember that there is nothing less profitable than scholarship for the mere sake of scholarship, nor anything more wearisome in the attainment.

J. R. Lowell.

RESOLVE to be thyself; and know that he
Who finds himself, loses his misery.

Matthew Arnold.



April 21.

CHARLOTTE BRONTË, 1816.

IF I can keep one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain.
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin into his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

Emily Dickinson.

How light the touches are that kiss
The music from the chords of life!

Coventry Patmore.

April 22.

MADAME DE STAËL, 1766. HENRY FIELDING, 1707.

"THE woman who is always trying to bring out the best in others, who is always putting the shy and awkward at ease, is more gracious, better remembered and loved, than if she had shown all the wit of De Staël, or all the intellect of Marian Evans."

ALL love is sweet,
Given or returned. Common as light is love,
And its familiar voice wearies not ever.

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They who inspire it most are fortunate, but those who
feel it most
Are happier still.

Shelley.

April 23.

SHAKESPEARE, 1564.

HE is the half part of a blessèd man,
Left to be finishèd by such as she;
And she a fair divided excellence,
Whose fulness of perfection lies in him.

AGE cannot wither her, nor custom stale
Her infinite variety; other women cloy
The appetites they feed; but she makes hungry
Where most she satisfies.

Shakespeare.

April 24.

ANTHONY TROLLOPE, 1815.

CONSTANCE, I know not how it is with men,
For women (I am a woman now like you)
There is no good of life but love — but love!
What else looks good, is some shade flung from love;
Love gilds it, gives it worth.

Robert Browning.

THE ideal life is, in sober and practical truth, none
other than man's normal life, as we shall one day know it.

Matthew Arnold.

April 25.

OLIVER CROMWELL, 1599. JOHN KEBLE, 1792.

A SIMPLER, saner lesson might he learn
Who reads thy gradual process, Holy Spring,

How surely glidest thou from March to May,
And changest, breathing it, the sullen wind,
Thy scope of operation, day by day,
Larger and fuller, like the human mind.

Tennyson.

POETRY is a method of relieving the overburdened mind; it is a channel through which emotion finds expression.

John Keble.

April 26.

ALICE CARY, 1820.
CORNER-STONE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
LAID, 1826.

I HOLD this true — whoever wins
Man's highest nature here below,
Must grow and never cease to grow —
For when growth ceases, death begins.

Alice Cary.

THEN life is — to wake not sleep,
Rise and not rest, but press
From earth's level where blindly creep
Things perfected, more or less,
To the heaven's height, far and steep,
Where — Power is Love.

Robert Browning.



April 27.

U. S. GRANT, 1822.

HE (Grant) never underrated himself in a battle; he never overrated himself in a report.

Horace Porter.

I HOLD every man a debtor to his profession; from the which as men of course do seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help and ornament thereunto.

Lord Bacon.

April 28.

FOR what has he whose will sees clear
To do with doubt and faith and fear,
Swift hopes and slow despondencies?
His heart is equal with the sea's
And with the sea-wind's, and his ear
Is level to the speech of these,
And his soul communes, and takes cheer
With the actual earth's equalities,
Air, light, and night, hills, winds, and streams,
And seeks not strength from strengthless dreams.

Swinburne.

WHAT is defeat? Nothing but education; nothing but the first step to something better.

Wendell Phillips.

April 29.

IN order to appreciate a type of character, it is not necessary that we should have personally passed through it; be it only possible to us, the key is within us. . . .

Martineau.

. . . SOME promptings you will find in your own breast, and Heaven will send still more.

George F. Palmer's "Odyssey."

April 30.

GEORGE D. CAMPBELL (DUKE OF ARGYLL), 1823.

. . . A SWEET Voice "*Love thy neighbor*," said;
Then first the bounds of neighborhood outspread
Beyond all confines of old ethnic dread.

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"*All men are neighbors*," so the sweet Voice said.

Sidney Lanier.

HE suspected that the way truly to live, and answer the purposes of life, was not to gather up thoughts into books, where they grew so dry, but to live and still be going about, full of green wisdom, ripening ever, not in maxims cut and dry, but a wisdom ready for daily occasions.

Hawthorne.

May 1.

JOSEPH ADDISON, 1672.

THERE must be many a pair of friends,
Who, arm in arm, deserve the warm
Moon births, and the long evening ends.
So for their sakes, be May still May!
Let their new time, as mine of old,
Do all it did for me; I bid
Sweets sights and sounds throng manifold.

Robert Browning.

It is only the great-hearted who can be true friends;
the mean and cowardly can never know what true friendship means.

Charles Kingsley.

May 2.

UNSOLICITED opportunities are the guide-posts of the
Lord to the new roads of life. . . .

Nobility of character manifests itself at loop-holes when
it is not provided with large doors.

Mary E. Wilkins.

THERE are nettles everywhere,
But smooth green grasses are more common still;
The blue of heaven is larger than the cloud.

E. B. Browning.



May 3.

LIFE is but a working day,
Whose tasks are set aright,
A time to work, a time to pray,
And then a quiet night.
And then, please God, a quiet night,
Whose palms are green and robes are white,
A long-drawn breath, a balm for sorrow, —
And all things lovely on the morrow.

Christina Rossetti.

WRECKED hope and passionate pain will grow
As tender things of a spring-tide sea.

Swinburne.

May 4.

JOHN JAMES AUDUBON, 1780.

No life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife,
And all life not be purer and stronger thereby.

Owen Meredith.

A BEING breathing thoughtful breath,
A traveller between life and death;
The reason firm, the temperate will,
Endurance, foresight, strength, and skill;
A perfect woman, nobly plann'd
To warn, to comfort and command;
And yet a Spirit still, and bright
With something of an angel light.

Wordsworth.

May 5.

EMPRESS EUGÉNIE, 1826.

THERE are people who understand one another at once. When one soul meets another, it is not by password, nor by hailing sign, nor by mysterious grip that they recognize. The subtlest freemasonry in the world is this freemasonry of the spirit.

Edward Eggleston.

DON'T part with your illusions. When they are gone, you may still exist, but you have ceased to live.

Mark Twain.

May 6.

I DOUBT if she said to you much that could act
As a thought or suggestion; she did not attract
In the sense of the brilliant or wise; I infer
'TWAS her thinking of others made you think of her.

. . . men at her side

Grew nobler, girls purer, as through the whole town,
The children were gladder that pulled at her gown.

E. B. Browning.

HE believed that to be united in this world in any relation is to be united in that relation, mysteriously changed, yet mysteriously the same, in another.

James Lane Allen.

May 7.

ROBERT BROWNING, 1812.

GROW old along with me !
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made ;
Our times are in His hand
Who saith, " A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half ; trust God : see all, nor be afraid ! "

Robert Browning.

BROWNING ! Since Chaucer was alive and hale
No man hath walk'd along our roads with step
So active, so inquiring eye, or tongue
So varied in discourse.

Landor.

May 8.

A MAN at college gets contact with men, larger views, acquaintances, education (either general or special), training for law, physics, business, engineering, — what not.

S. Weir Mitchell.

BLESSED be woman for her faculty of admiration, and especially for her tendency to admire with her heart, when man, at most, grants merely a cold approval with his mind.

Hawthorne.

May 9.

GREAT men are still admirable. There is nothing else admirable! No nobler feeling than this for one higher than himself dwells in the breast of man. It is to this hour, and at all hours, the vivifying influence in man's life.

Carlyle.

THE voice of one who goes before to make
The paths of June more beautiful, is thine,
Sweet May!

H. H. Jackson.

May 10.

FLOWERS never emit so sweet and strong a fragrance as before a storm. Beauteous soul, when a storm approaches thee, be as fragrant as a sweet-smelling flower.

Jean Paul Richter.

LOVE, kissed by Wisdom, makes twice Love,
And Wisdom is through loving, wise.

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Such perfect friends are Truth and Love
That neither lives where both are not.

Coventry Patmore.

May 11.

GIVE me that man

That is not passion's slave, and I will wear him
In my heart's core, ay, in my heart of hearts,
As I do thee.

Shakespeare.

It has been well said that "in much of the world's best work the unconscious element is the most precious." A man's life-work may be a failure from human stand-points, even from his own standpoint, and yet an invisible something has been added by him to the priceless stock of human worth and fidelity.

T. L. Eliot.

May 12.

DANTE GABRIEL ROSSETTI, 1828.

UNTO God's will she brought devout respect,
Profound simplicity of intellect,
And supreme patience. From her mother's knee
Faithful and hopeful; wise in charity,
Strong in grave peace: in pity circumspect.

— — — — —
YOUR eyes smile peace. The pasture gleams and glows
'Neath billowing skies. . . .
'Tis visible silence, still as the hour-glass.
Deep in the sun-search growths, the dragon-fly
Hangs like a blue thread loosened from the sky; —
So this wing'd hour is dropt to us from above.

D. G. Rossetti.



May 13.

ALPHONSE DAUDET, 1840.

A MAN who forgets the friends of his childhood in real life is base ; but he who clings to the props of his childhood in literature must be content to remain ignorant as he was when a child.

Sydney Smith.

WE remove the sun from the heavens when we take friendship out of life.

Plato.

May 14.

CORNER-STONE BROWN UNIVERSITY LAID, 1770.
CORNER-STONE LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY
LAID, 1887.

CHILDREN of men ! not that your age excel
In pride of life the ages of your sires,
But that *ye* think clear, feel deep, bear fruit well,
The Friend of man desires.

Matthew Arnold.

ART thou one to whom genius has not been given?
Let not that dispirit thee ; be of good cheer and seek
culture. . . . He who does not find pleasure in himself
finds none in the world.

Auerbach.

May 15.

MAN for the field and woman for the hearth ;
Man for the sword and for the needle she ;
Man with the head and woman with the heart ;
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All else confusion.

Tennyson.

THE spirit of the true socialist is manifested in the habit of regarding work as a social function ; the true socialist is one who always considers the effect of what he is doing not only on his own fortunes, but on the common weal.

Washington Gladden.

May 16.

AY, so the gods send us
The darkening cloud that we the radiant bow
In twice triumphant brightness shall behold !

From "Brunhild."

THE strange sweet days are here again,
The happy-mournful days ;
The songs which trembled on our lips
Are half complaint, half praise.
Swing robin, on the budded sprays,
And sing your blithest tune ; —
Help us across these homesick days
Into the joy of June.

John Burroughs.



Day 17.

WORK thou for pleasure : paint or sing or carve
The thing thou lovest, though the body starve.

Who works for glory misses oft the goal ;
Who works for money coins his very soul.

Work for the work's sake, then, and it may be
That these things shall be added unto thee.

Kenyon Cox.

PERFECT performance of mental work demands a sufficiency of bodily exercise.

J. J. Pope.

Day 18.

To seize continually the opportunity of more and more perfect adjustment to better and higher conditions, to balance some inward evil with some purer influence acting from without, in a word, to make our Environment at the same time that it is making us,—these are the secrets of a well-ordered and successful life.

Henry Drummond.

BE still . . . nor ask thy fate to know,
Face bravely what each God-sent moment brings.
Above thee rules in love, through weal and woe,
Guiding thy kings and thee, the King of kings.

Charles Kingsley.

May 19.

THANK God that in many a country town there are good women who take their privileges of education as a trust for the good of others, and believe in the doctrine of complicity . . . — the truth that ten good men, or ten good women, could save a city, and that half that number could redeem a country town.

Dean Hodges.

BE sure that God
Ne'er dooms to waste the strength He deigns impart !

Robert Browning.

May 20.

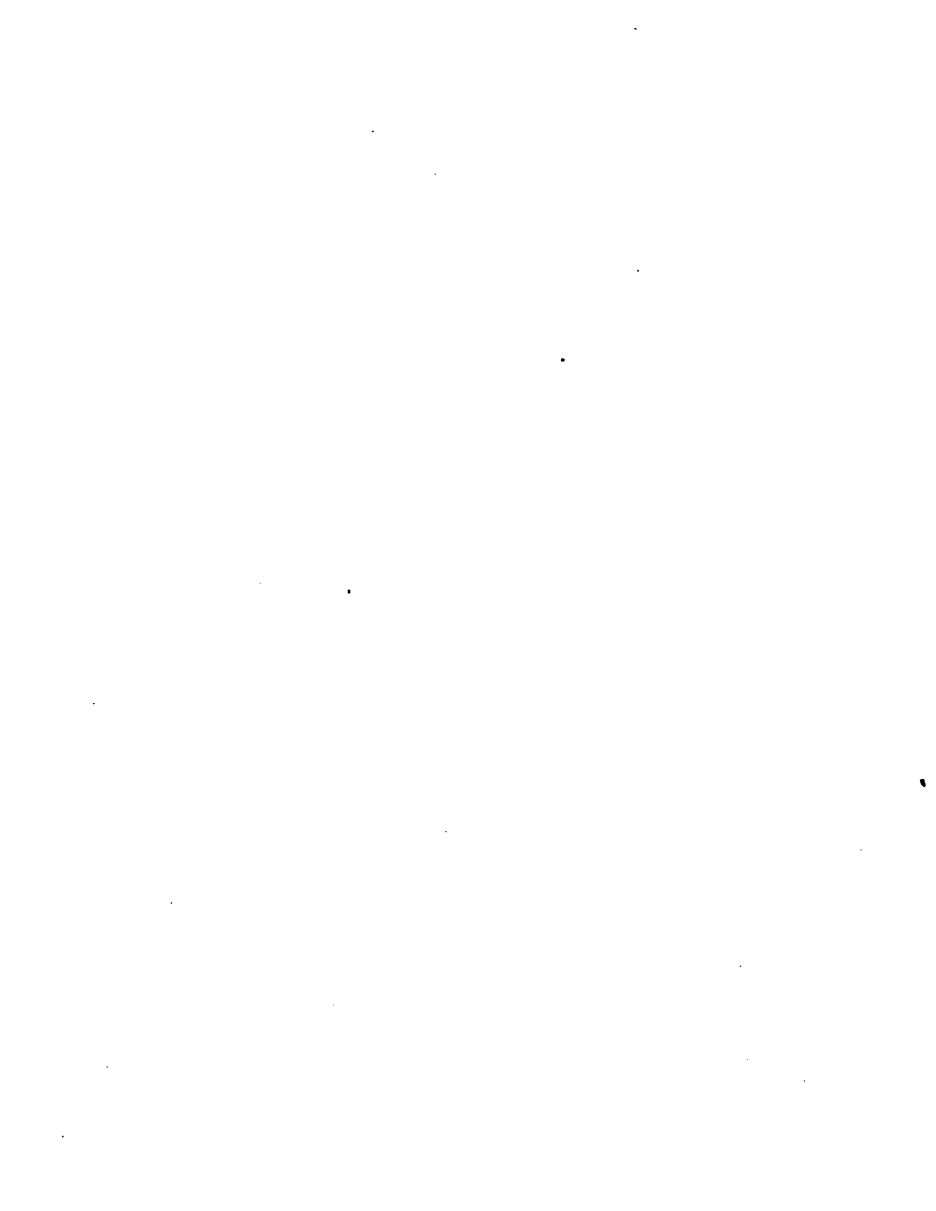
HONORÉ DE BALZAC, 1799.

L'AMOUR ! Faiblesse qui est une force ! — sentiment qui est une foi ! la seule, peut-être, qui n'ait pas un athée !

Balzac.

LOVE is come with a song and smile,
Welcome Love with a smile and a song :
Love can stay but a little while.
Why cannot he stay ? They call him away ;
Ye do him wrong, ye do him wrong ;
Love will stay for a whole life long.

Tennyson.



May 21.

ALBRECHT DÜRER, 1471.

FOR my part, people who do anything finely always inspire me to try. I don't mean that they make me believe I can do it as well. But they make the thing, whatever it may be, seem worthy to be done. . . . Excellence encourages one about life generally ; it shows the spiritual wealth of the world.

George Eliot.

THE cost of a thing is the amount of what I call life which is required to be exchanged for it, immediately or in the long run.

Thoreau.

May 22.

RICHARD WAGNER, 1813.

(PRESIDENT) JACOB G. SCHURMAN, 1854.

OH the little more, and how much it is !
And the little less, and what worlds away !
How a sound shall quicken content to bliss,
Or a breath suspend the blood's best play —
And life be a proof of this !

Robert Browning.

“MAN is born to struggle upwards.”

President Schurman.



May 23.

THOMAS HOOD, 1798.

MARGARET FULLER OSSOLI, 1810.

DOES not every true man feel that he is himself made higher by doing reverence to what is really above him? No nobler or more blessed feeling dwells in man's heart.

Carlyle.

DRUDGERY is as necessary to call out the treasures of the mind as harrowing and planting those of the earth.

Love and thought are not diminished by diffusion.

Margaret Fuller.

May 24.

QUEEN VICTORIA, 1819.

GOD bless our Fathers' Land!

Keep her in heart and hand

One with our own!

From all her foes defend,

Be her brave People's Friend,

On all her realms descend,

Protect her Throne.

Holmes: "International Ode."

THE human mind is slow to grasp great truths, and needs to grow into a comprehension of their meaning; it cannot receive them in their fulness till it has been educated, step by step, to understand them.

Geike.

May 25.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON. 1803.

LITERATURE, with all its printing-presses, puffing engines, and shoreless, deafening triviality, is yet "the Thought of Thinking Souls."

Carlyle.

LABOR, calling, profession, scholarship, and artificial and arbitrary distinctions of all sorts, are incidents and accidents of life, and pass away. It is only manhood that remains, and it is only by manhood that man is to be measured.

J. G. Holland.

May 26.

CHARTER DAY, BOSTON UNIVERSITY, 1869.

How good is man's life here, mere living!
How fit to employ
The heart and the soul and the senses
Forever in joy!

Robert Browning.

It seems to me we can never give up longing and wishing while we are thoroughly alive. There are certain things we feel to be beautiful and good, and we hunger after them.

George Eliot.



May 27.

DANTE, 1265. JULIA WARD HOWE, 1819.

BUT now was turning my desire and will,
Even as a wheel that equally is moved,
The love which moves the sun and the other stars.

Dante.

You forget too much
That every creature . . .
Stands single in responsible act and thought,
As also in birth and death. Whoever says
To a loyal woman, "Love and work with me,"
Will get fair answers, if the work and love,
Being good themselves, are good for her — the best
She was born for.

E. B. Browning.

May 28.

LOUIS AGASSIZ, 1807.

KNOW thy work and do it. Know thyself! Long
enough has that poor 'self' of thine tormented thee;
. . . Think it not thy business, this of knowing thyself.
Know what thou canst work at, and work at it like a
Hercules.

Carlyle.

WHAT mean you by a fine soul? You mean a soul that
is quick to perceive the better, clear to set it in the light,
immovable to hold it.

Jacobi.

May 29.

PATRICK HENRY, 1736.

THE works of pride
And human passion change and fall;
But that which shares the life of God
With Him surviveth all.

Whittier.

YOUR conscientious men are oftener conscientious in withholding than in bestowing. . . . The man who is determined to keep others fast and firm must have one end of the bond about his own breast, sleeping and waking.

Walter Pater.

May 30. (DECORATION DAY.)

It is often asked, "Shall we know our friends?" This would seem to depend on what the basis of friendship has been. . . . There is a kind of love that grows out of the higher nature, another name of which is unselfishness. This love will know its own "on any sea or shore."

C. F. Dole.

Do we indeed desire the dead
Should still be near us at our side?
Is there no baseness we would hide?
No inner vileness that we dread?

Tennyson.

May 31.

ONE deed may mar a life,
And one can make it;
Hold firm thy will for strife,
Lest a quick blow break it!
Even now from far on viewless wing
Hither speeds the nameless thing.
Shall put thy spirit to the test.
Haply or ere yon sinking sun
Shall drop behind the purple West
All shall be lost — or won!

R. W. Gilder.

WE are shaped and fashioned by what we love.

Goethe.

On bokes for to rede I me delyte,
And to hem yeve I feyth and ful credence
And in myn herte have hem in reverence,
So hertely, that ther is game noon
That fro my bokes maketh me to goon,
But yt be seldome on the holy day,
Save, certeynly, whan that the monethe of May
Is comen, and that I here the foules synge,
And that the flours gynnen for to sprynge,
Farwel my boke, and my devocion.

Chaucer.

June 1.

AND I must work through months of toil
And years of cultivation,
Upon my proper patch of soil,
To grow my own plantation.
I'll take the showers as they fall,
I will not vex my bosom ;
Enough, if at the end of all
A little garden blossom.

Tennyson.

How much the happy days of life outweigh the sorrowful !

Jean Ingelow.

June 2.

JOHN G. SAXE, 1816.

ANY irrevocable act in life, by which a die is cast, a cubicon crossed, is of value. But this selection of an end is fruitless, if the means for its attainment are not adopted.

Educational Review.

COLLEGE mostly makes people like bladders,—just good for nothing but t' hold the stuff as is poured into 'em.

George Eliot.

June 3.

SYDNEY SMITH, 1771.

God forbid it should be necessary to be a scholar or critic in order to be a Christian.

Sydney Smith.

WHAT is art,
But life upon the larger scale, the higher,
When, graduating up in a spiral line
Of still expanding and ascending gyves,
It pushes toward the intense significance
Of all things, hungry for the Infinite?

E. B. Browning.

June 4.

CONSIDER well the proportion of things. It is better to be a young June-bug than an old bird-of-paradise!

Mark Twain.

. . . ONLY mankind together is the true man, and the individual can only be joyous and happy when he has the courage to feel himself in the whole.

Goethe.

June 5.

COME down, O maid, from yonder mountain height :
What pleasure lives in height, . . .
In height and cold, the splendor of the hills?
But cease to move so near the Heavens, and cease
To gild a sunbeam by the blasted Pine,
To sit a star upon the sparkling spire ;
And come, for Love is of the valley, come,
For Love is of the valley, come thou down
And find him.

Tennyson.

GOD's gifts put man's best dreams to shame.

E. B. Browning.

June 6.

CORNEILLE, 1606.

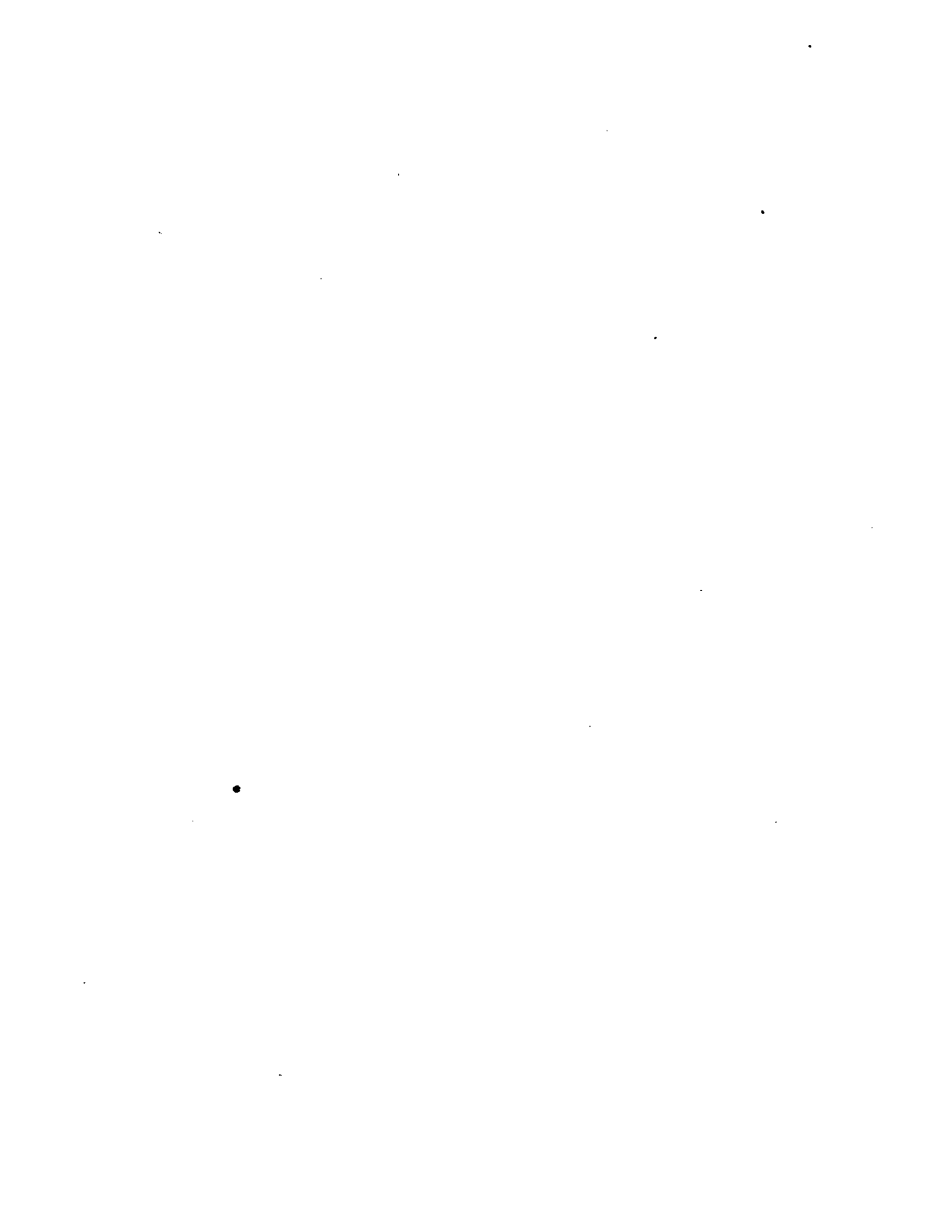
THE artist, make what contortions he will, can bring
to light only his own individuality.

Goethe.

IN Being's floods, in Action's storm,
I walk and work, above, beneath,
Work and weave in endless motion !
Birth and Death,
An infinite ocean ;
A seizing and giving,
The fire of the living :

'Tis thus at the roaring Loom of Time I ply,
And weave for God the garment thou seest Him by.

Carlyle.



June 7.

(PRESIDENT) JOHN F. GOUCHER, 1845.

HE liked the well-wheel's creaking tongue, —
He liked the thrush that stopped and sung, —
He liked the drone of flies among
 His netted peaches;
He liked to watch the sunlight fall
Athwart his ivied orchard wall;
Or pause to catch the cuckoo's call
 Beyond the beeches.

Austin Dobson.

“HEREIN is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.” (John xv. 8.)

President Goucher.

June 8.

CHARLES READE, 1814.

SOMETHING God hath to say to thee worth hearing
from the lips of all.

Charles Kingsley.

WHEN the college woman, in the first fine impulse of the spirit of service, sets about the betterment of the neighborhood, she finds scant sympathy. . . . There must be perfectly sincere equality, giving and taking kept in even balance, the fact being frankly understood that the college woman has as much to learn as she has to teach.

Dean Hodges.

June 9.

IN the intercourse of social life, it is by little acts of watchful kindness, recurring daily and hourly . . . it is by words, by tones, by gestures, by looks, that affection is won and preserved.

Augustus Hare.

A MAN'S strength in this life is often greater from some single word, remembered and cherished, than in arms or armor.

H. W. Beecher.

June 10.

THIS bemoaning of one's self over the first, careless, shallow gayety of youth departed, and this profound happiness at youth regained, — so much deeper and richer than that we lost, — are essential to the soul's development.

Hawthorne.

TIME still, as he flies, adds increase to her truth,
And gives to her mind what he steals from her youth.

Edward Moore.



June 11.

BEN JONSON, 1574.

It is not growing like a tree
In bulk, doth make man better be;
Or standing long an oak, three hundred year,
To fall a log at last, dry, bald, and sear:
A lily of a day
Is fairer far in May,
Although it fall and die that night, —
It was the plant and flower of light.
In small proportions we just beauties see;
And in short measures life may perfect be.

Ben Jonson.

SOMETHING in ilka part o' thee
To praise, to love, I find.

Burns.

June 12.

CHARLES KINGSLEY, 1819.

YOU know the meaning of the word "gentleman." It means a gentle man — a man who does things gently with love. . . . The gentleman cannot in the nature of things do an ungente, an ungentlemanly thing.

Drummond.

IF manners make the man, manners are the woman herself.

Charles Kingsley.

June 13.

THOMAS ARNOLD, 1795. PAULINE A. DURANT, 1832.

UNOSTENTATIOUS, but to every
Noble instinct true.

Mary Lyon.

TELL me not that love is fleeting,
That its brightness fades away;
While the hearts within us beating
Promise love and truth for aye.

Past the sleep that knows no waking,
Past the night that turns to day,
There the dawn of love is breaking,
There the shadows pass away.

Henry F. Durant.

June 14.

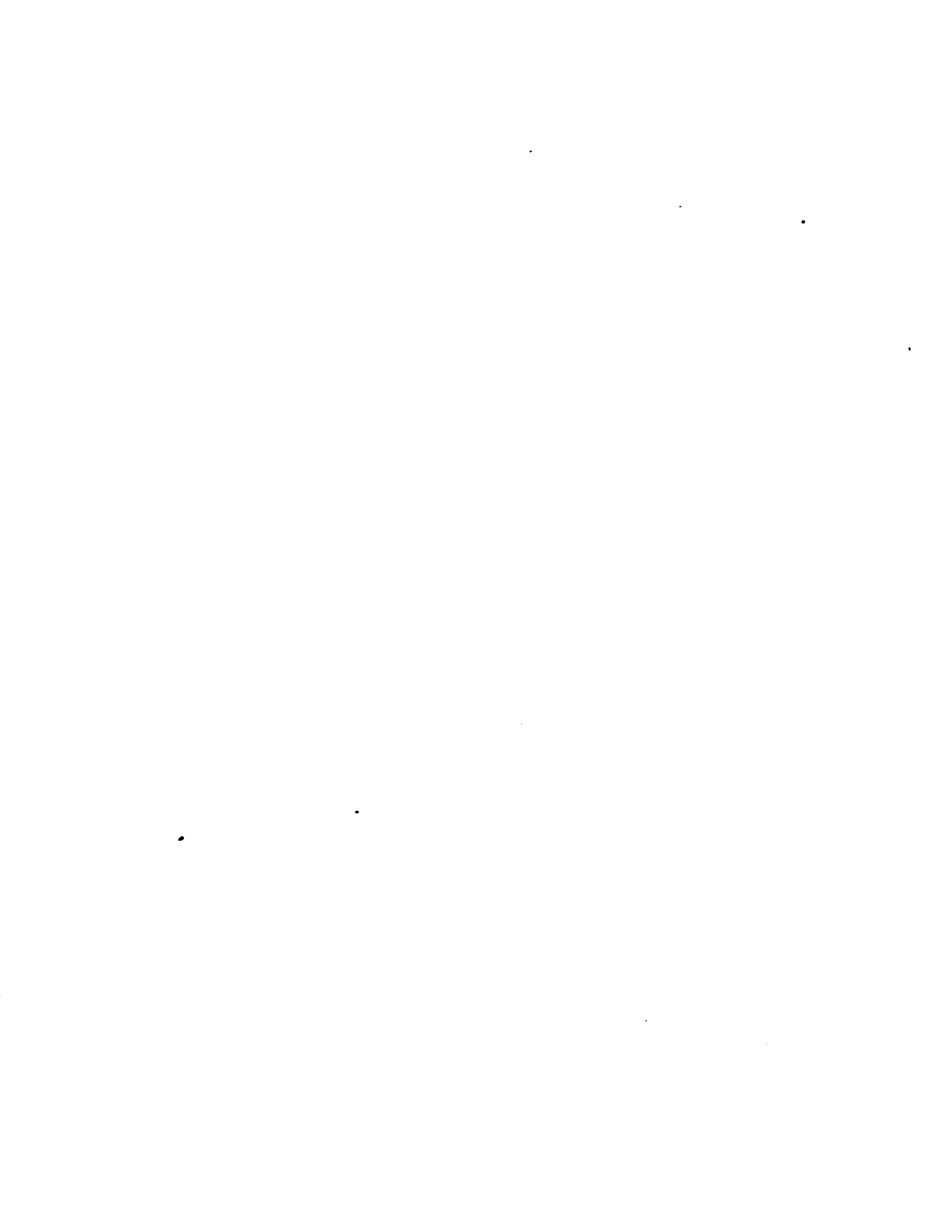
HARRIET BEECHER STOWE, 1811.

EVERY impulse of beauty, of heroism, and every craving for purer love, fairer perfection, nobler type and style of being than that which closes like a prison house around us, in the dim, daily walk of life, is God's breath, God's impulse, God's reminder to the soul that there is something higher, sweeter, purer, yet to be attained.

H. B. Stowe.

THE goal of this great world
Lies beyond sight.

Tennyson.



June 15.

HE noticed that he and his university friends had been mistaken in supposing that Christian belief no longer existed. . . . He observed that the persons to whom he was most attached, retained it, and drew comfort from it.

Matthew Arnold.

THE writers against religion, whilst they oppose every system, are wisely careful never to set up any of their own.

Edmund Burke.

June 16.

IT is Nature's highest reward to a true, simple, great soul, that he gets to be a part of herself. Such a man's works, whatsoever he with utmost conscious exertion and forethought shall accomplish, grow up withal unconsciously, from the unknown deeps in him.

Carlyle.

EVERY sight
And sound from the vast earth and ambient air
Sent to his heart its choicest impulses.

Shelley.



June 17.

BUNKER HILL, 1775.

LIFE or death then, who shall heed it, what we gain or what
we lose?

Fair flies life amid the struggle, and the Cause for each shall
choose.

Hear a word, a word in season, for the day is drawing nigh,
When the Cause shall call upon us, some to live and some to
die!

William Morris.

It is not a sign nor an omen which can fix the period
of life. Our trust is in One who is mightier.

Columba.

June 18.

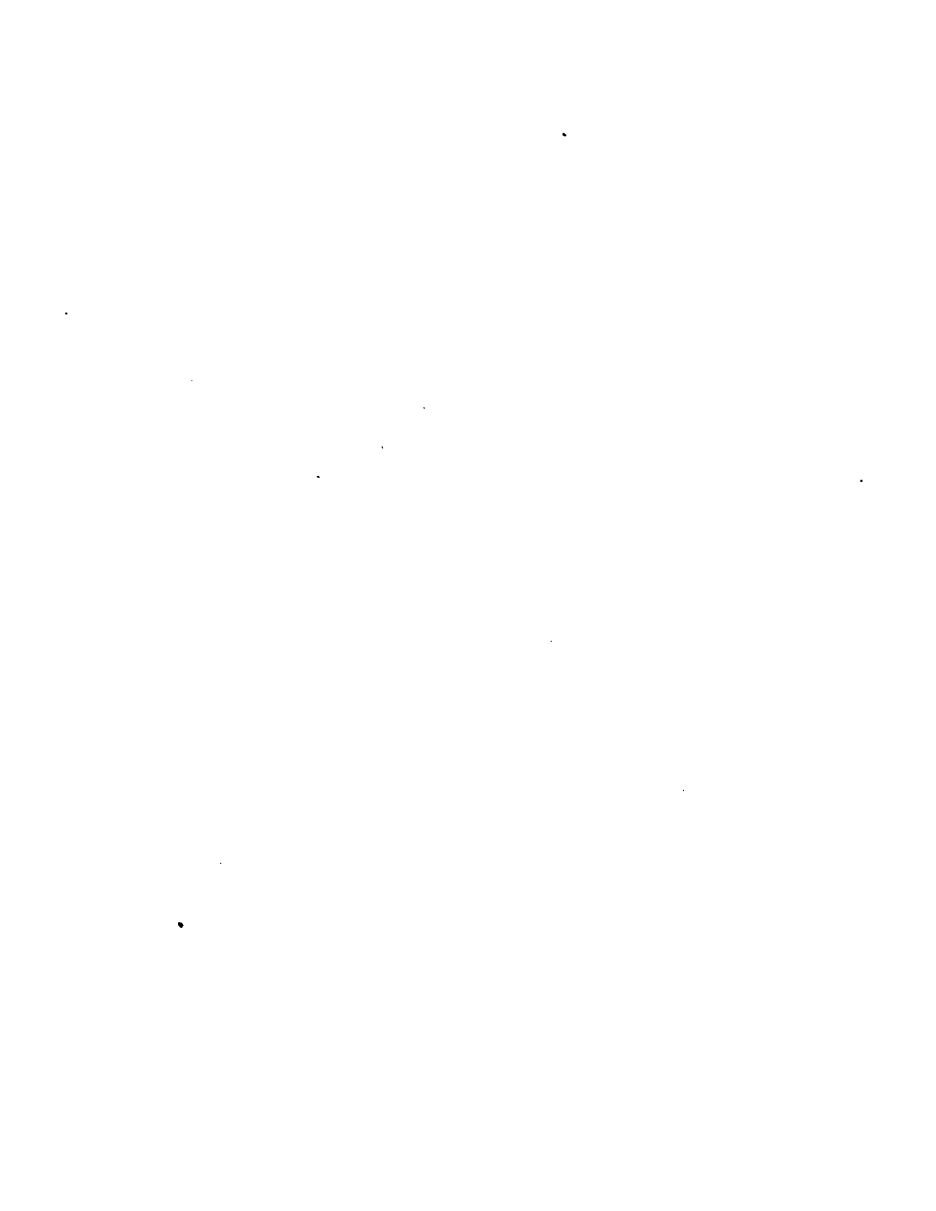
WATERLOO, 1815.

ANOTHER education there is which will speedily recommence, and work on well-nigh through all the years of our life,—the education which circumstances will give us, if we do not give it to ourselves.

Goethe.

MAN he loved
As man; and to the mean and the obscure,
And all the homely in their homely works,
Transferred a courtesy which had no air
Of condescension.

Wordsworth.



June 19.

PASCAL, 1623.

THE instinct which drives men to travel is at bottom identical with that which fills men with passionate desire to know what is in life. . . . Real wandering, however aimless in mood, is always education.

H. W. Mabie.

'MID pleasures and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.

J. Howard Payne.

June 20.

WE could never have loved the earth so well if we had had no childhood in it. . . . Our delight in the sunshine on the deep-bladed grass to-day might be no more than the faint perception of wearied souls, if it were not for the sunshine and the grass in the far-off years which still live in us, and transform our perception into love.

George Eliot.

FRIENDSHIP is no plant of hasty growth.

Joanna Baillie.



June 21.

HER face betokened all things dear and good,
The light of somewhat yet to come was there
Asleep, and waiting for the opening day,
When childish thoughts, like flowers, would drift away.

Jean Ingelow.

HE was still in that happy season when one cannot understand how, in the woman one loves, in the writer one honors, there should be anything defective. The feeling they excite in us is so entire . . . that we cannot help attributing the same perfect harmony to the objects themselves.

Goethe.

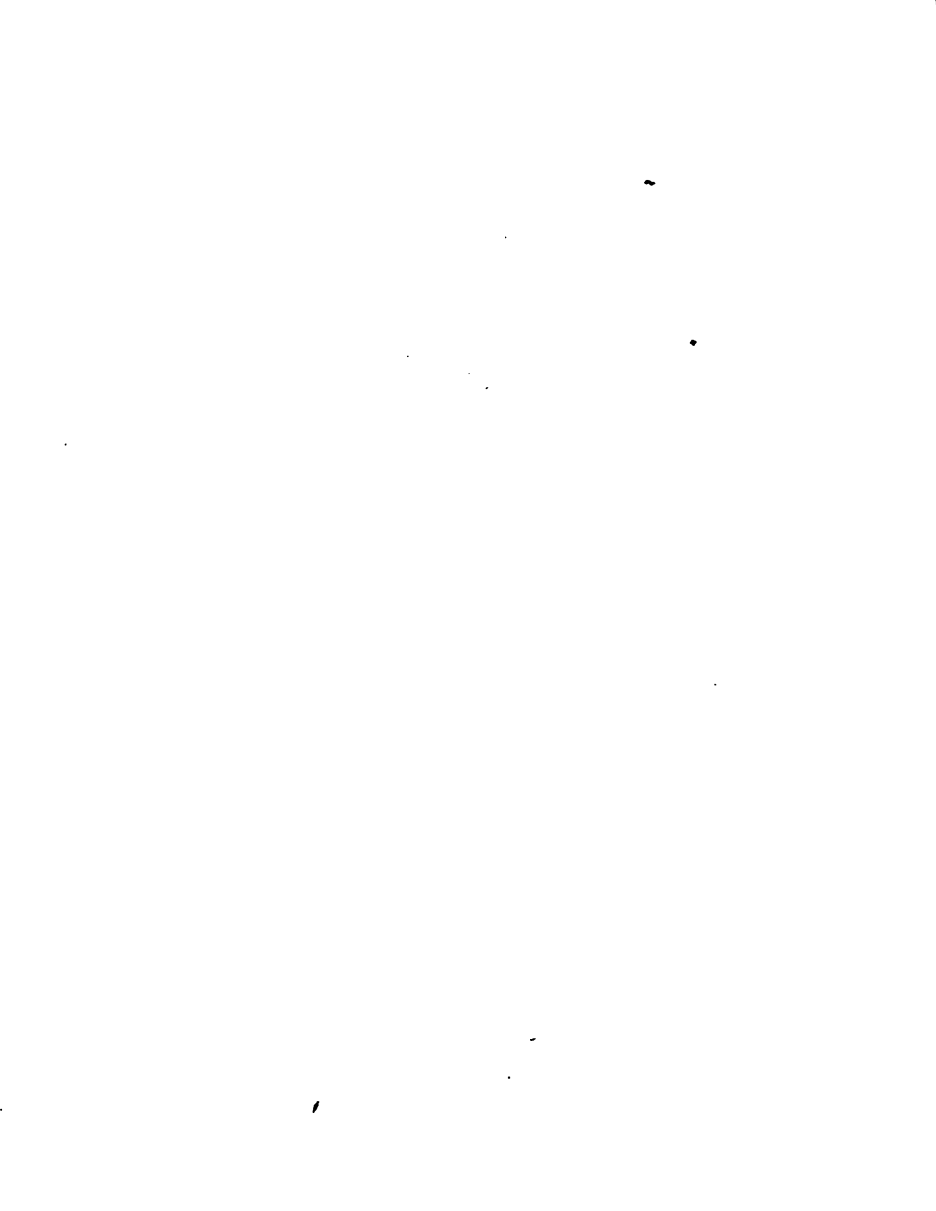
June 22.

MORE and more, as the college woman interprets her privileges as opportunities and tries to be of use, she will realize that her usefulness depends upon herself, not upon what she has read in books and learned by heart, but upon what she is, upon her character, upon her personality.

Dean Hodges.

To love her was a liberal education.

Sir Richard Steele.



June 23.

WE hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Thomas Jefferson.

A TRUISM misapplied is the worst of sophisms.

Augustus Hare.

ALL happiness bechance to thee!

Shakespeare.

June 24.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE INCORPORATED, 1794.

I SAY that man was made to grow, not stop;
That help he needed once, and needs no more,
Having grown but an inch by, is withdrawn:
For he hath new needs, and new helps to these.
This imports solely, man should mount on each
New height in view; the help whereby he mounts,
The ladder-rung his foot hath left, may fall,
Since all things suffer change save God the Truth.

Robert Browning.

THERE are instincts for all the crises of life.

Victor Hugo.

June 25.

FAIR Harvard ! thy sons to thy jubilee throng,
And with blessings surrender thee o'er,
By these festival rites, from the Age that is past,
To the Age that is waiting before.

Farewell ! be thy destinies onward and bright !
To thy children the lesson still give,
With freedom to think, with patience to bear,
And for right ever bravely to live.

Samuel Gilman.

ENFLAMED with the study of learning and the admiration of virtue ; stirred up with high hopes of living to be brave men and worthy patriots, dear to God, and famous to all ages.

Milton.

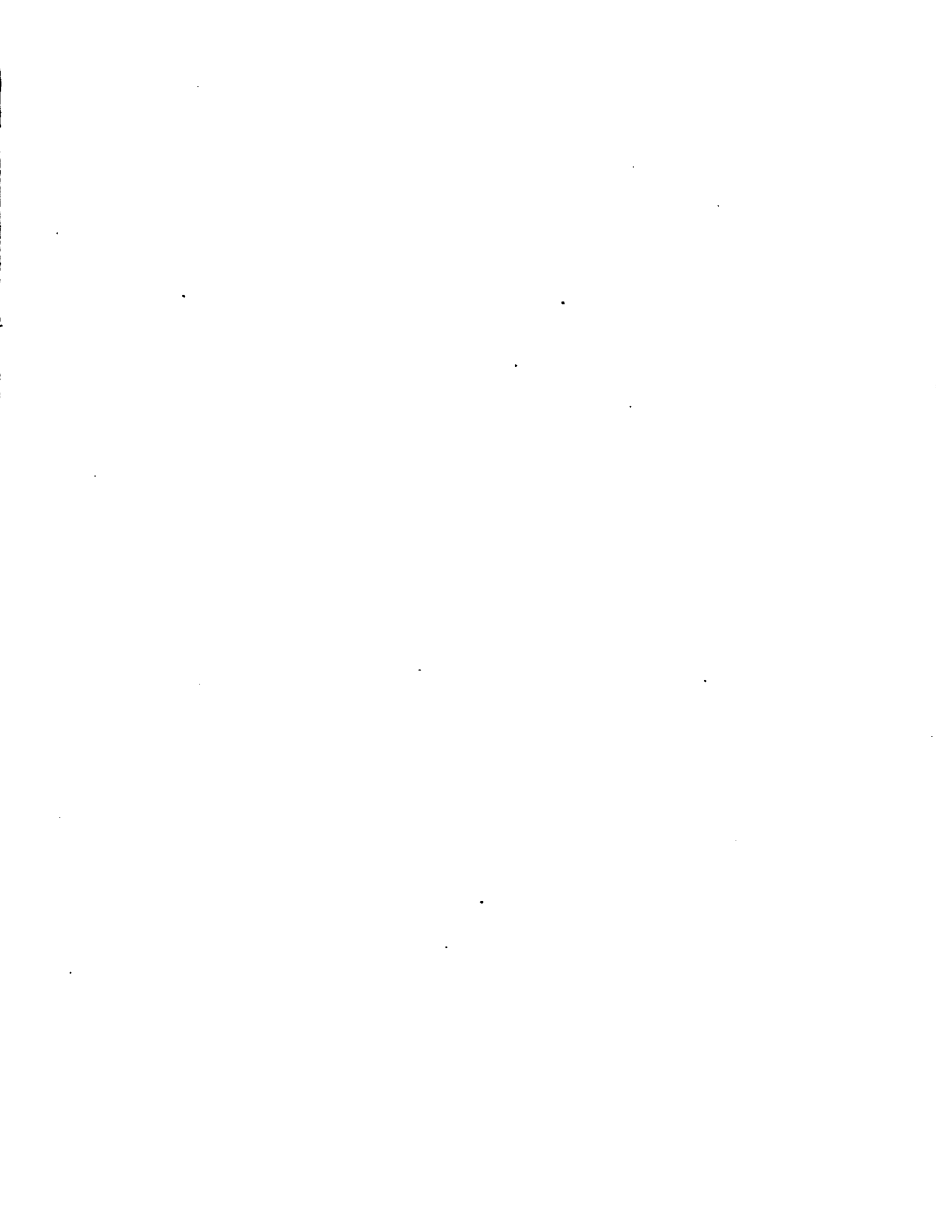
June 26.

“ To be thrown overboard is the best way of learning how to swim, and being pitched out into life the best way of learning how to live.”

College Comment.

HE who has never seen himself surrounded on all sides by the sea can never possess an idea of the world and of his own relation to it.

Goethe.



June 27.

I TOOK you — how could I otherwise ?
For a world to me, and more ;
For all, love greatens and glorifies
Till God's a-glow, to the loving eyes
In what was mere earth before.

THINK when our one soul understands
The great Word which makes all things new,
When earth breaks up and heaven expands,
How will the change strike me and you
In the house not made with hands ?

Robert Browning.

June 28.

J. J. ROUSSEAU, 1712.

NOTHING makes the world seem so spacious as to
have friends at a distance ; they make the latitude and
longitude.

Thoreau.

WITH God — go over the sea,
Without Him, not over the threshold.

Russian Proverb.

. . . HAD you in your mind
Such stories as silent thought can bring, you would find
A tale in everything.

Wordsworth.

June 29.

LEISURE has a value of its own. It is not a mere handmaid of labor ; it is something we should know how to cultivate, to use, and to enjoy. . . . It is in his pleasures that a man really lives ; it is from his leisure that he constructs the true fabric of self. "For the time that a man may call his own," Lamb writes to Wordsworth, "that is his life."

Agnes Repplier.

BE able to be alone.

Sir Thomas Brown.

June 30.

OH ! which were best, to roam or rest ?
The land's lap or the water's breast ?

Robert Browning.

LOVE, now an universal birth,
From heart to heart is stealing,
From earth to man, from man to earth,
— It is the hour of feeling.

One moment now may give us more
Than fifty years of reason :
Our minds shall drink at every pore
The spirit of the season.

Wordsworth.



July 1.

GEORGE SAND, 1804.

I ASKED of earth and sky and sea
Saying, "O wondrous Trinity,
Deign to make answer unto me,
And tell me truly what ye be."
And they made answer, "Verily,
The robe around His form are we,
That sick and sore mortality
May touch its hem and healèd be."

William Watson.

THE effect of music on a man should be to strike fire
from his soul.

Beethoven.

July 2.

FRANCIS A. WALKER, 1840.

ONE impulse from a vernal wood
May teach you more of man,
Of moral evil, and of good,
Than all the sages can.

Wordsworth.

YET gifts should prove their use !
I own the Past profuse
Of power each side, perfection every turn
Eyes, ears took in their dole,
Brain treasured up the whole ;
Should not the heart beat once,
"How good to live and learn" ?

Robert Browning.



July 3.

ALL that thou art not, makes not up the sum
Of what thou art, belovèd, unto me :
All other voices, wanting thine, are dumb ;
All vision, in thine absence, vacancy.

John B. Tabb.

You must be sure of two things : you must love your work, and not be always looking over the edge of it, wanting your play to begin ; . . . you must not be ashamed of your work, and wanting to be doing something else.

George Eliot.

July 4. (INDEPENDENCE DAY.)

NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE, 1804.

WE live in an exceptional age. America is another name for opportunity. Our whole history appears like a last effort of the Divine Providence on behalf of the human race.

Emerson.

FOUR precepts : To break off customs ; to shake off spirits ill-disposed ; to meditate on youth ; to do nothing against one's genius.

Hawthorne.



July 5.

AT such an hour the heart takes wing for home, if any home it have ; or when, if homeless, it feels the quick stir of that yearning for the evening fireside with its half-circle of trusted faces, young and old, and its bonds of love and marriage, those deepest, most enchanting realities to the earthly imagination.

James Lane Allen.

THE influence of a word in season, is it not incalculable ?

Amiel's Journal.

July 6.

(PRESIDENT) DANIEL C. GILMAN, 1831.

LIFE brings to each his task, and whatever art you select,—algebra, planting, architecture, poems, commerce, politics,—all are attainable, even to the miraculous triumphs, on the same terms, of selecting that for which you are apt ;—begin at the beginning, proceed in order, step by step.

Emerson.

FOR Love the dear woods' sympathies,
For Grief the wise woods' peace.

Sidney Lanier.



July 7.

It contributes greatly towards a man's moral and intellectual health, to be brought into habits of companionship with individuals unlike himself, who care little for his pursuits, and whose sphere and abilities he must go out of himself to appreciate.

Hawthorne.

'Tis human fortune's happiest height to be
A spirit melodious, lucid, poised, and whole;
Second in order of felicity
I hold it, to have walk'd with such a soul.

William Watson.

July 8.

FITZ-GREENE HALLECK, 1790.

Now, midst her wanderings, on a hot noontide,
Psyche passed down a road, where on each side
The yellow cornfields lay, although as yet
Unto the stalks no sickle had been set;
The lark sung over them, the butterfly
Flickered from ear to ear distractedly,
The kestrel hung above, the weasel peered
From out the wheat-stalks on her unafraid,
Along the road the trembling poppies shed
On the burnt grass their crumpled leaves and red.

William Morris.

THE poet sees things as they look. Is this having a faculty the less? or a sense the more?

Augustus Hare.

July 9.

IN each land the sun doth visit
We are gay whate'er betide;
To give room for wandering is it
That the world was made so wide.

Goethe.

UNSCRUPULOUSNESS gets rid of much, but not of tooth-ache, or wounded vanity, or the sense of loneliness, against which, as the world at present stands, there is no security but a thoroughly healthy jaw, and a just, loving soul.

George Eliot.

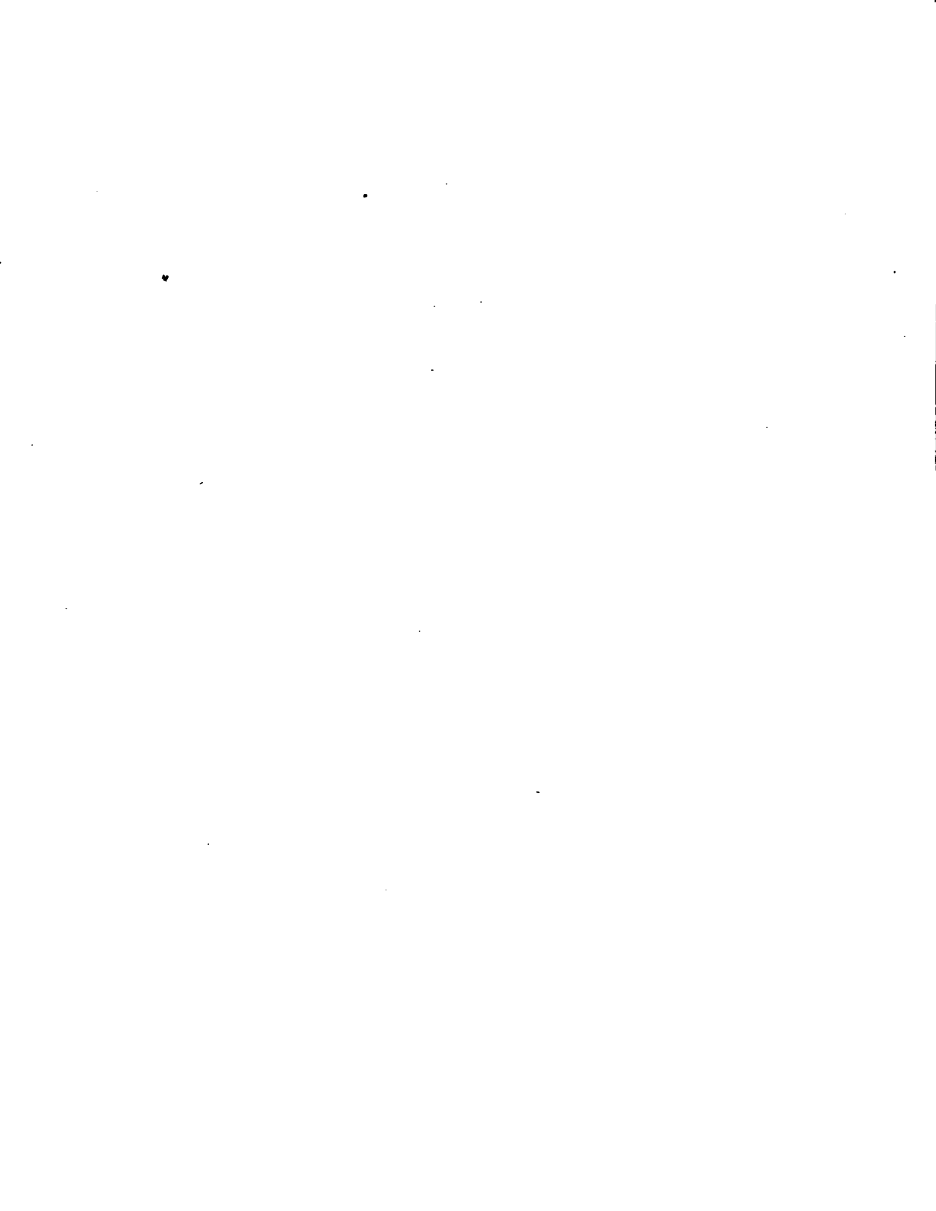
July 10.

UNLESS a man or woman *does* prefer the infinite to the finite, the permanent to the transient, the true to the false, the incorruptible to the corruptible, there is not even the capacity of friendship.

Matthew Arnold.

SWORN to vows
Of utter hardihood, utter gentleness,
And, loving, utter faithfulness in love,
And uttermost obedience to the King.

Tennyson.



July 11.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, 1767.

THE wealth of a man is the number of things which he loves and blesses, which he is loved and blessed by.

Carlyle.

. . . FOR this silence, filling now
The globèd clarity of receiving space,
This solves us all: man, matter, doubt, disgrace,
Death, love, sin, sanity,
Must in yon silence' clear solution lie.

Sidney Lanier.

July 12.

H. D. THOREAU, 1817.

I SUSPECT he loved books and nature as well and near as warmly as he loved his fellow-creatures.

Stevenson, of "Thoreau."

THERE can be no very black melancholy to him who lives in the midst of Nature, and has his senses still.

A man thinking or working is always alone, let him be where he will.

Thoreau.

July 13.

I KNOW it's folly to complain
Of whatsoe'er the Fates decree ;
Yet were not wishes all in vain,
I tell you what my wish would be :
I'd wish to be a boy again,
Back with the friends I used to know ;
For I was, oh ! so happy then —
But that was very long ago !

Eugene Field.

THOROUGH knowledge of an individual character is
what nothing but thorough intimacy can give.

Southey.

July 14.

JANE WELSH CARLYLE, 1801.

" BUT — loved him ? " Friend, I do not praise her love !
True love never works for the loved one so,
Nor spares skin-surface, smoothening truth away.
Love bids touch truth, endure truth, and embrace
Truth, though, embracing truth, love crush itself.
" Worship not me, but God ! " the angels urge :
That is love's grandeur.

Robert Browning.

So find we profit by losing of our prayers.

Shakespeare.

July 15.

CARDINAL MANNING, 1808.

HAPPY he
With such a mother ! faith in womankind
Beats with his blood, and trust in all things high
Comes easy to him. . . .
This mother is your model.

Tennyson.

AH, the mother's love here ! the lover's love here ! the
love in the hearts of all here ! the God in the hearts of all !

Joaquin Miller.

July 16.

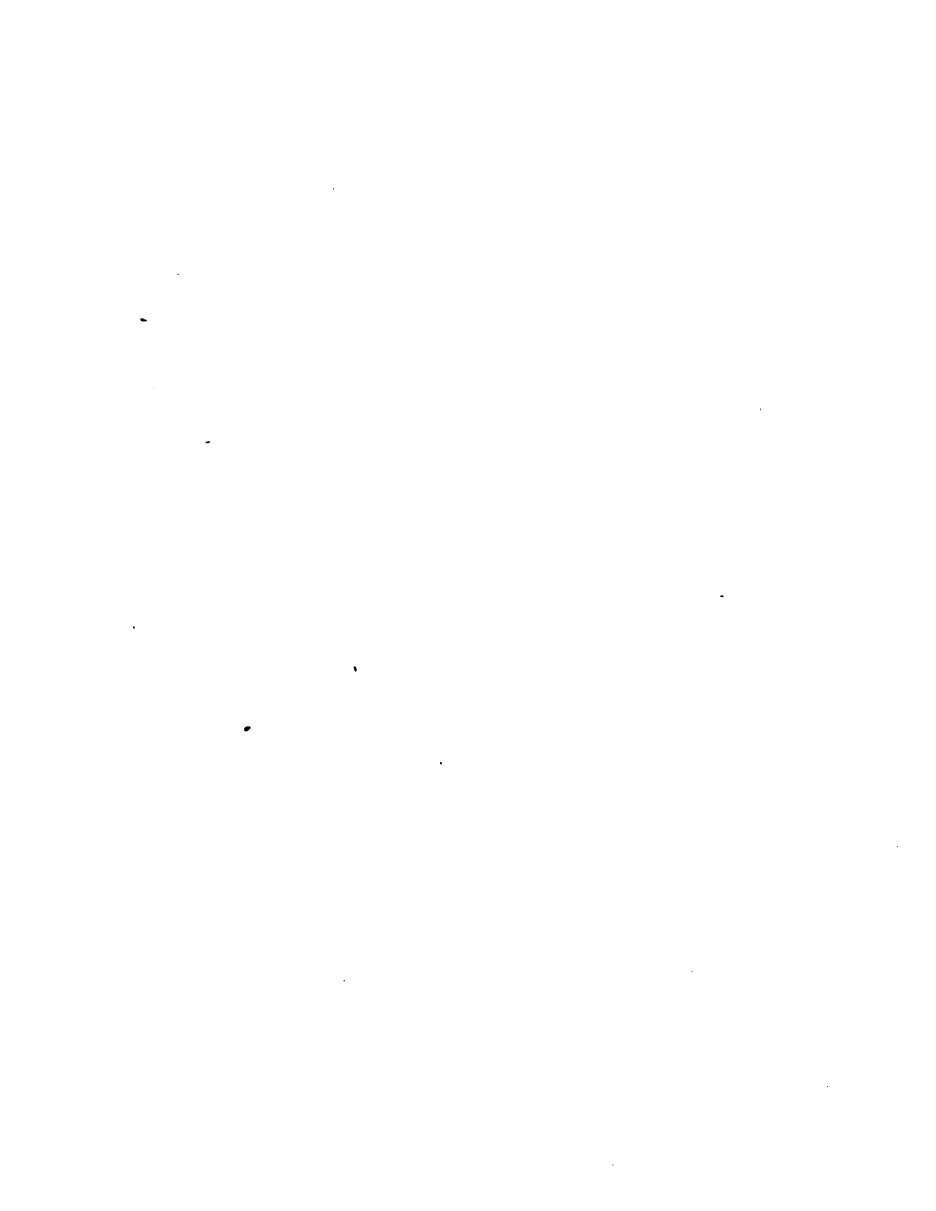
SIR JOSHUA REYNOLDS, 1723.

A ROOM hung with pictures is a room hung with
thoughts.

Sir Joshua Reynolds.

BE sure of the foundation of your life. Know why you
live as you do. Be ready to give a reason for it. Do not,
in such a matter, build on opinion or custom, or what you
guess is true. Make it a matter of certainty and science.

Thomas Starr King.



July 17.

OH! I must feel your brain prompt mine,
Your heart anticipate my heart,
You must be just before, in fine,
See and make me see, for your part,
New depths of the divine!

Robert Browning.

Do not fear to be less rich in the productions of your mind at one season than at another. . . . The capacious mind neither rises nor sinks, neither labors nor rests, in vain.

Landor.

July 18.

W. M. THACKERAY, 1811.

A WOMAN'S heart is like a lithographer's stone. What is once written upon it cannot be rubbed out.

. . . LOVE is immeasurably above ambition, more precious than wealth, more noble than name; and he knows not life who knows not that calmer love of wedded life, which is really a close and increasing friendship cemented by many common interests.

Thackeray.

July 19.

It is good to have been young in youth, and, as years go on, to grow older. Many are already old before they are through their teens; but to travel deliberately through one's ages is to get the heart out of a liberal education. Times change, opinions vary to their opposite; and what can be more encouraging than to find the friend who was welcome at one age, still welcome at another.

Stevenson.

HOME-KEEPING youths have ever homely wit.

Shakespeare.

July 20.

PETRARCH, 1304.

THE secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.

Disraeli.

A GREAT mind will accept, or even delight in, monotony which would be wearisome to an inferior intellect, and is ready to pay the full price for the great future pleasure of change.

Ruskin.

He was a verray parfit gentil knight.

Chaucer.

July 21.

HIDE your intellect, do what you are expected to do, say what you are expected to say, and you will be at peace.

Dean Swift.

SUNSHINE, poetry, love, joy, enrich us infinitely: but what makes their riches so precious is, that what they give us is our own: it is our own spirit that they free from its bondage, that they rouse out of its torpor. They give us ourselves.

Julius Hare.

July 22.

GARIBALDI, 1807.

MAN'S work is to labor and leaven —
As best he may — earth here with heaven ;
'Tis work for work's sake that he's needing ;
Let him work on and on as if speeding
Work's end, but not dream of succeeding !
Because if success were intended,
Why, heaven would begin ere earth ended.

Robert Browning.

EVERY cup that holds a self-sacrifice is a Holy Grail.

Lyman Abbott.



July 23.

COVENTRY PATMORE, 1816.

GENIUS is nothing but great good sense, or real apprehension, exercised upon objects more or less out of common sight ; . . . Men with great strength of apprehension are easily capable of things which inferior characters regard as great self-sacrifices.

BE not amaz'd at life. 'Tis still
The mode of God with his elect :
Their hopes exactly to fulfil,
In times and ways they least expect.

Coventry Patmore.

July 24.

. . . THE energy of life may be
Kept on after the grave, but not begun ;
And he who flagg'd not in the earthly strife,
From strength to strength advancing — only he,
His soul well-knit, and all his battles won,
Mounts, and that hardly, to eternal life.

Matthew Arnold.

PATIENCE is the ballast of the soul that will keep it
from rolling and tumbling in the greatest storm.

Bishop Hopkins.

July 25.

A YOUNG man seldom cherishes ignoble purposes ; the heart of youth is set to things high and true. If he is ambitious there is a halo about his dream. It is only in rare cases that he deliberately resolves to live for himself, and to win a selfish success.

T. T. Munger.

TAKE notice of thy heart,
Such as that is, the rest is, or will be,
Better or worse, blame-worthy, or fault-free.

Quarles.

July 26.

THE woman's cause is man's ; they rise or sink
Together, dwarf'd or godlike, bond or free :
For she that out of Lethe scales with man
The shining steps of Nature, shares with man
His nights, his days, moves with him to one goal,
Stays all the fair young planet in her hands —
If she be small, slight-natured, miserable,
How shall men grow ?

Tennyson.

THE age needs heart — 'tis tired of head.

Sidney Lanier.

July 27.

THOMAS CAMPBELL, 1777.

MEN think most of the present — the immediate ; and rightly, their calling being to do and to work. Women think more of how things hang together in life ; and rightly, too, because their destiny is bound up in this interdependence, and it is exactly this which it is their mission to promote.

Goethe.

THE world was sad, — the garden was a wild ;
And Man, the hermit, sighed — till Woman smil'd.

Thomas Campbell.

July 28.

THIS life was meant to be the childhood of our souls.

Max Müller.

How the world is made for each of us !

How all we perceive and know in it
Tends to some moment's product thus,
When a soul declares itself — to wit,
By its fruit, the thing it does !

And the whole is well worth thinking o'er,
When autumn comes.

Robert Browning.



July 29.

It is good mind-play to set out on a walk with the senses alert as to color, leaves, trees, trunks, stones, and general effects. If you can draw, that is good ; it trains attention immensely. If not, always take a note-book on your holidays, and select bits, as small as you like, for observation and record.

S. Weir Mitchell.

Do not leave the sky out of your landscape.

Emerson.

July 30.

. . . THERE is than love no holier name ;
All words that pass the lips of mortal men
With inner and with outer meaning shine ;
An outer gleam that meets the common ken,
An inner light that but the few divine.

E. R. Sill.

THE world is all in our eyes ; not objective, but subjective. You see what is *in* you ; not what is out of you.

John R. Paxton.

July 31.

It should be woman's office to move in the midst of practical affairs, and to gild them all, the very homeliest, — were it even the scouring of pots and kettles, — with an atmosphere of loveliness and joy.

Hawthorne.

SERENE I fold my hands and wait,
Nor care for time nor tide nor sea;
I rave no more 'gainst time nor fate,
For lo! my own shall come to me.

John Burroughs.

Now 'tis a fairer season ; ye have breathed
Rich benedictions o'er us ; ye have wreathed
Fresh garlands : for sweet music has been heard
In many places ; some has been upstirr'd
From out its crystal dwelling in a lake
By a swan's ebon bill ; from a thick brake,
Nested and quiet in a valley mild,
Bubbles a pipe ; fine sounds are floating wild
About the earth : happy are ye and glad.

Keats.



August 1.

MARIA MITCHELL, 1818.

BUILDING OF BRYN MAWR COLLEGE BEGUN, 1879.

HE is the truly successful individual who early in life sees clearly what his mission is, and bends his powers from youth onward to the fulfilment of that mission. Scattered force ends in failure, or at best, in only partial success; concentration is one of the elements, if not *the* element, of success.

Helen L. Webster.

ANGER is but swiftly fleeting, love
lasts long, is ever kind;
And the gift that comes free-hearted,
testifies the noble mind.

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August 2.

THE reason why so few marriages are happy is because young ladies spend their time in making nets, not in making cages.

Dean Swift.

. . . IN a season of calm weather
Though inland far we be,
Our souls have sight of that immortal sea
Which brought us hither;
Can in a moment travel thither —
And see the children sport upon the shore,
And hear the mighty waters rolling evermore.

Thanks to the human heart by which we live,
Thanks to its tenderness, its joys, and fears,
To me the meanest flower that blows can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.

Wordsworth.



August 3.

NEITHER the secret depth of woods nor the tops of mountains make man blessed if he has not with him solitude of mind, the Sabbath of the heart, and tranquillity of conscience.

Ivo: Bishop of Chartres.

. . . NATURE'S charms, the hills and woods,
The sweeping vales, and foaming floods,
Are free alike to all.

August 4.

P. B. SHELLEY, 1792.

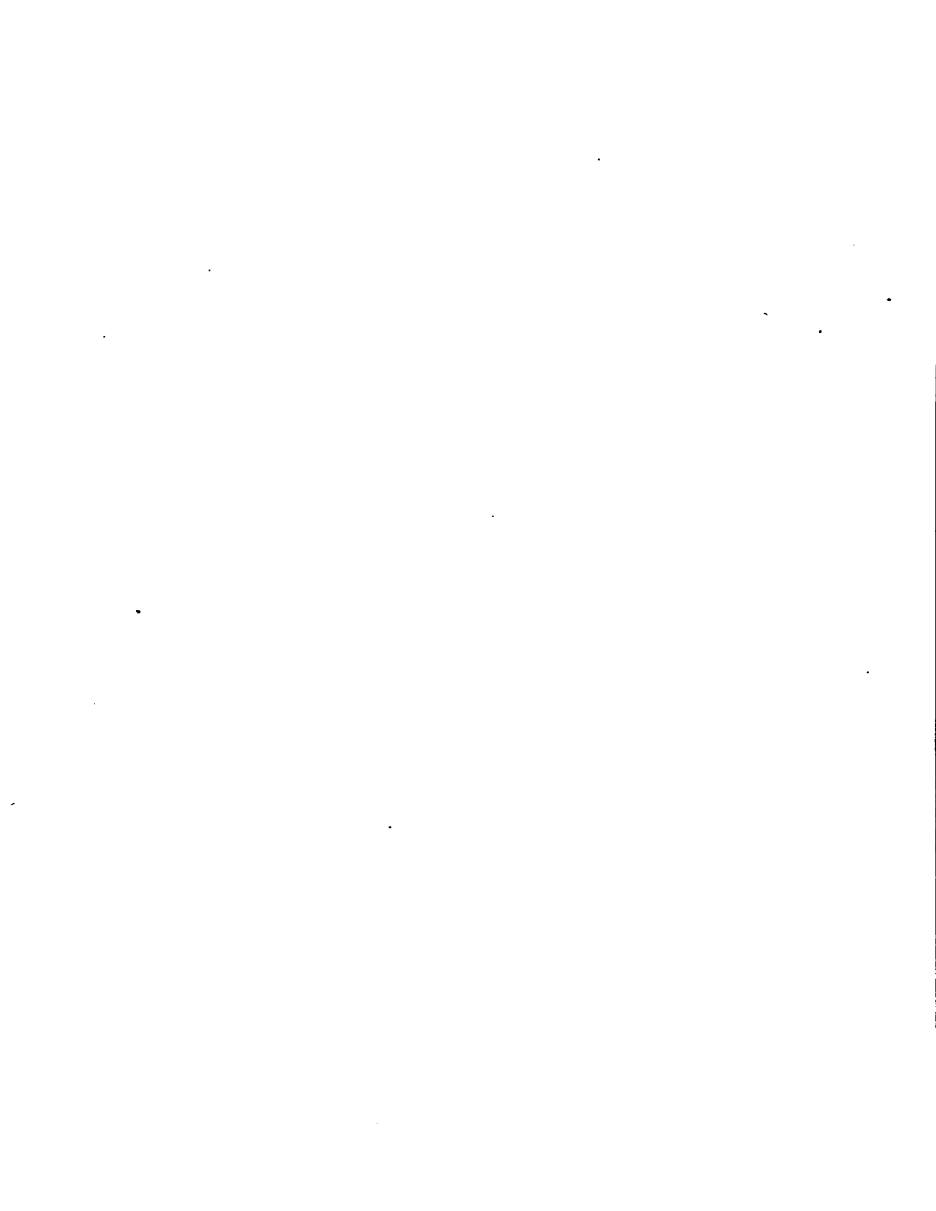
Most wretched men
Are cradled into poetry by wrong;
They learn in suffering what they teach in song.

.
Life, like a dome of many-colored glass,
Stains the white radiance of eternity.

Shelley.

SHELLEY, chafing at the Church of England, discovered the cure of all evils in universal atheism. Generous lads, irritated at the injustices of society, see nothing for it but the abolishment of everything and Kingdom Come of anarchy.

Stevenson.



August 5.

YE marshes, how candid and simple and nothing-withholding
and free,

Ye publish yourselves to the sky and offer yourselves to the
sea !

Tolerant plains, that suffer the sea and the rain and the sun,
Ye spread and span like the catholic man who hath mightily
won

God out of knowledge, and good out of infinite pain,
And sight out of blindness, and purity out of a stain.

Sidney Lanier.

A HAPPY soul, that all the way
To heaven hath a summer's day.

Crashaw.

August 6.

FÉNELON, 1651. ALFRED TENNYSON, 1809.

THE true mainspring of our perfection is contained in
these words of God to Abraham, "Walk in my presence,
and thou shalt be perfect."

Fénelon.

NOBLY to do, nobly to die . . .

. . . their examples reach a hand

Far thro' all years, and everywhere they meet

And kindle generous purpose, and the strength

To mould it into action pure as theirs.

Tennyson.



August 7.

THERE came a day at summer's full
Entirely for me ;
I thought that such were for the saints,
Where revelations be.
The time was scarce profaned by speech ;
The symbol of a word
Was needless.

Emily Dickinson.

ENTIRE happiness does make one tremble. Only, if we
feel God in it, and stand but the more ready for His work,
we may be safe.

Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney.

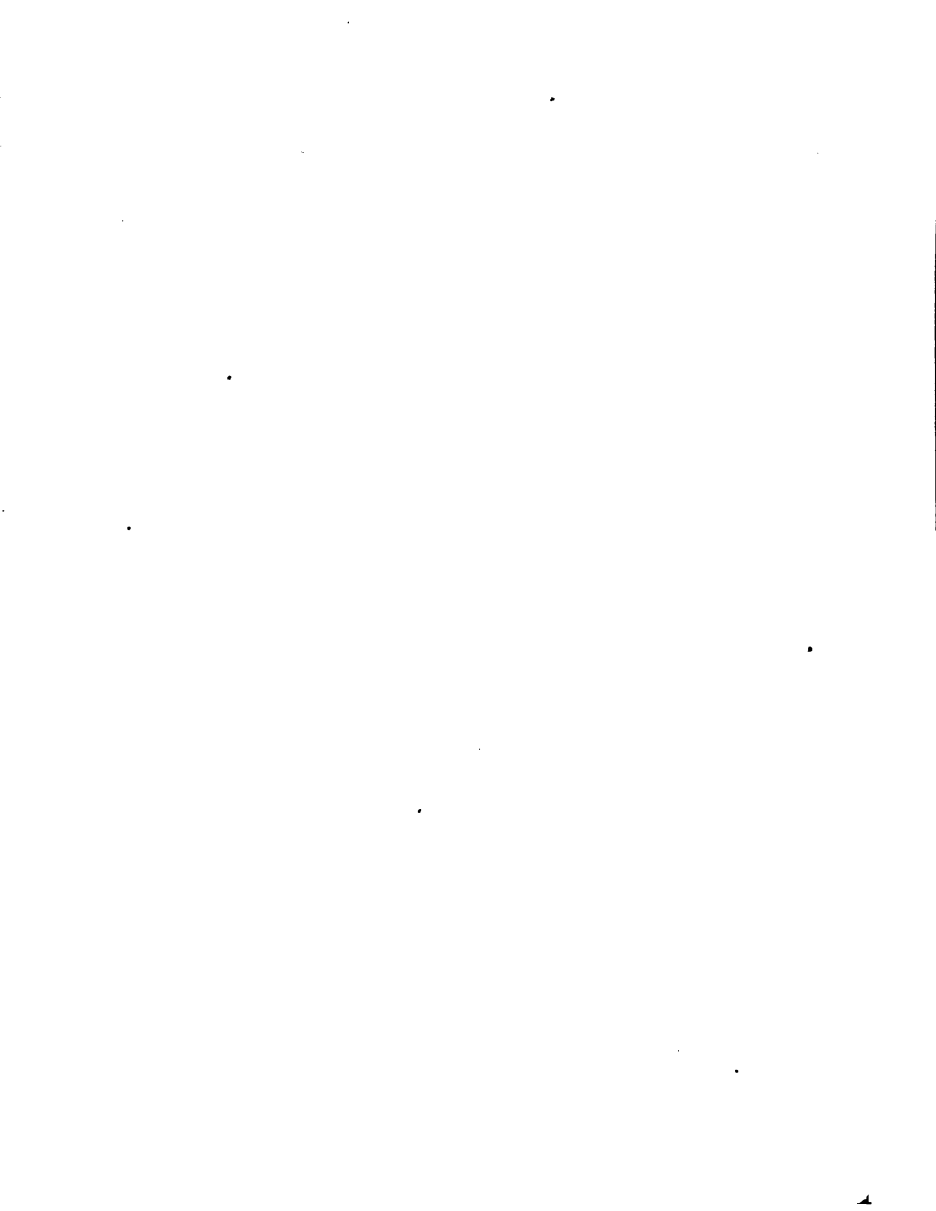
August 8.

How to the singer comes the song?
How to the summer fields
Come flowers? How yields
Darkness to happy morn? How doth the night
Bring stars? Oh, how do love and light
Leap at sound and sight
Of her who makes this dark world seem less wrong —
Life of my life, and soul of all my song !

R. W. Gilder.

A PRESENCE to be felt and known
In darkness as in light.

Shelley.



August 9.

JOHN DRYDEN, 1631.

BETTER to hunt in fields for health unbought,
Than fee the doctor for a nauseous draught.
The wise for cure on exercise depend ;
God never made his work for man to mend.

Dryden.

FOR of all things there is none so sweet as sweet air
— one great flower it is, drawn round about, over, and
enclosing. . . . Sweetest of all things is wild-flower air.

Richard Jeffries.

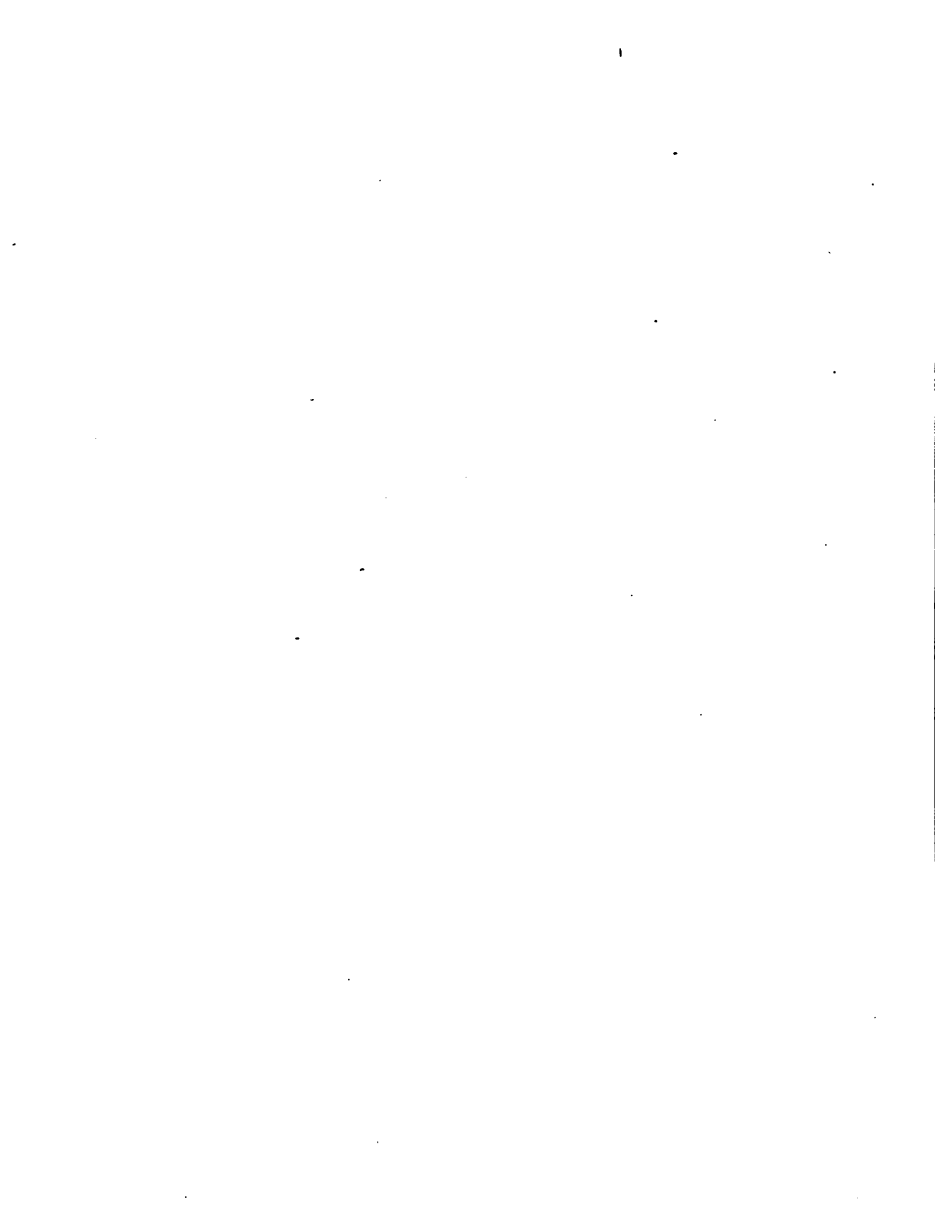
August 10.

OBEDIENCE is our universal duty and destiny ; wherein
whoso will not bend must break : too early and too thor-
oughly we cannot be trained to know that Would, in this
world of ours, is as mere zero to Should, and for the
most part, as the smallest of fractions even to Shall.

Carlyle.

LIVE pure, speak true, right wrong, follow the king —
Else, wherefore born?

Tennyson.



August 11.

A TURN, and we stand in the heart of things;
The woods are round us, heaped and dim:

How sharp the silver spear-heads charge
When Alp meets heaven in snow!

.
. If I think but deep enough,
You are wont to answer, prompt as rhyme:
And you, too, find without rebuff
Response your soul seeks many a time
Piercing its fine flesh-stuff.

Robert Browning.

CHILDREN always turn toward the light. O, that
grown-up people in this world would become like little
children!

Augustus Hare.

August 12.

ROBERT SOUTHEY, 1774.

NEVER the exquisite pain, then never the exquisite bliss,
For the heart that is dull to that, can never be strung to this.

Sarah F. Smiley.

. . . BUT what greatness any among us may be capable
of, will, at least, be best attained by . . . beginning in
all quietness and hopefulness to use whatever powers we
may possess to represent the things around us as we see
and feel them.

Ruskin.



August 13.

HE that attends to his interior self,
That has a heart and keeps it; has a mind
That hungers and supplies it; and who seeks
A social, not a dissipated life,
Has business.

Cowper.

THE sleep that is among the lonely hills does not pass
into the souls of those whose ambition it is to be greeted
with loud cheers by the whole wide world.

Augustine Birrell.

August 14. .

FOR all that breathe beneath the heaven's high cope,
Joy with grief mixes, with despondence hope.
Hope conquers cowardice, joy grief;
Or at least, faith unbelief.

Clough.

THOSE that knew one another upon earth will be much
better acquainted there; and where any have been instru-
mental in forwarding and helping on one another in their
way to heaven, they will be mutual joys to one another
when they meet together.

Mather Byles.



August 15.

NAPOLÉON 1769 SIR WALTER SCOTT 1771

BREATHES there the man, with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
— This is my own — my native land! —
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned,
As home his footsteps he hath turned
From wandering on a foreign strand?

Scott.

ENERGY will do anything that can be done in this world: and no talents, no circumstances, no opportunities, will make a two-legged animal a man without it.

Goethe.

August 16.

KNOWLEDGE is now no more a fountain seal'd:
Drink deep, until the habits of the slave,
The sins of emptiness, gossip, and spite,
And slander, die.

Tennyson.

. . . THE broken hope arises in a larger and better fruition than had ever entered into our holiest dreams. What we thought death was more life. Our disappointment was God's appointment of a higher task and diviner being.

George D. Herron.

August 17.

MILES and miles distant though the last line be,
And though thy soul sail leagues and leagues beyond,
Still, leagues beyond those leagues, there is more sea.

D. G. Rossetti.

ALL that is, at all,
Lasts ever, past recall;
Earth changes, but thy soul and God stand sure:
What entered into thee,
That was, is, and shall be.
Time's wheel runs back or stops: Potter and clay endure.

Robert Browning.

August 18.

SMALL fellowship of daily commonplace
We hold together, dear, constrained to go
Diverging ways. Yet day by day I know
My life is sweeter for thy life's sweet grace;
And if we meet but for a moment's space,
Thy touch, thy word, sets all the world aglow.
Faith soars serener, haunting doubts shrink low,
Abashed before the sunshine of thy face,
Nor press of crowd, nor waste of distance, serves
To part us.

"Ellen Burroughs."

ONE who has reached the higher grades of life has
learned not to fret against time.

T. T. Munger.



August 19.

THERE is in man a Higher than love of Happiness ; he can do without Happiness, and instead thereof, find Blessedness.

Carlyle.

YOUTH is the only time
To think and to decide on a great course ;
Manhood with action follows ; but 'tis dreary
To have to alter our whole life in age —
The time past, the strength gone.

Robert Browning.

August 20.

ROBERT HERRICK, 1591.

GATHER ye rosebuds while ye may,
Old Time is still a-flying.

.

You say to me-wards your affection's strong ;
Pray love me little, so you love me long.

Herrick.

THE gayest place of resort is still enlivened by the presence of a friend ; and a friend does not diminish the tranquillity of retirement.

Beattie.



August 21.

JOHN TYNDALL, 1820.

THE sun, the moon, the stars, the seas, the hills, and the plains —

Are not these, O soul, the Vision of Him who reigns ?

And the ear of man cannot hear, and the eye of man cannot see :

But if we could see and hear, this Vision — were it not He ?

Tennyson.

It is the way with half the truth amidst which we live, that it only haunts us, and makes dull pulsations that are never born into sound.

George Eliot.

August 22.

THE world is too much with us ; late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers ;
Little we see in Nature that is ours,
We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon !

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This Sea that bares her bosom to the moon,
The winds that will be howling at all hours,
And are up-gathered now like sleeping flowers,
For this, for everything, we are out of tune.

Wordsworth.

HEAR ye not the hum
Of mighty workings ?

Shelley.

August 23.

CORNER-STONE KING'S (COLUMBIA) COLLEGE LAID, 1756.

DESIRE to resemble him in goodness maketh them un-
weariable and even unsatiable in their longing to do by all
means all manner of good unto all the creatures of God,
but especially unto the children of men.

Richard Hooker.

THEN we act to a purpose — we spring up erect,
We will tame the wild mouths of the wilderness-steeds,
We will plough up the deep in the ships double-decked,
We will build the great cities, and do the great deeds,
Strike the steel upon steel, strike the soul upon soul,
Strike the dole on the weal, overcoming the dole.

E. B. Browning.

August 24.

IN a theme where the thoughts have a pedant-strut,
In a changing quarrel of "Ayes" and "Noes,"
In a starched procession of "If" and "But," —
There is place and enough for the pains of prose;
But whenever a soft glance softer grows,
And the light hours dance to the trysting-time,
And the secret is told "that no one knows," —
Then hey! — for the ripple of laughing rhyme.

Austin Dobson.

BETTER far than all
To be on earth a poem of God's own making.

George Macdonald.

August 25.

FROM the mountain to the champaign,
By the glens and hills along,
Comes a rustling and a tramping,
Comes a motion as of song :
And this undetermined roving
Brings delight, and brings good heed ;
And thy striving, be't with loving,
And thy living, be't in deed.

Goethe.

WE can fix our eyes on perfection, and make almost everything speed towards it.

Channing.

August 26.

HENRY FAWCETT, 1833.

ALL day to watch the blue wave curl and break,
All night to hear it plunging on the shore ;
In this sea-dream such draughts of life I take
I cannot ask for more.

Behind me lie the idle life and vain,
The task unfinished and the weary hours ;
That long wave bears me softly back to Spain,
And the Alhambra's towers.

T. B. Aldrich.

A CONTENTED spirit is the sweetness of existence.

Dickens.

August 27.

NEVER before have people cared so much about other people. From its first expression in greater kindness and helpfulness toward individual human beings to its last expression in the vague, blind, groping movements toward international justice and law, the heart of the world is alive and stirring to-day.

Charlotte P. Stetson.

HAVE we not loved one another
Tenderly, from year to year?

Tennyson.

August 28.

GOETHE, 1749.

TO-MORROW will not do what is not done to-day.
Let not a day be lost in dallying,
But seize the possibility
Right by the forelock, courage rallying,
And forth with fearless spirit sallying, —
Once in the yoke, and you are free.

Goethe.

HE [Goethe] had the faculties with which nature and humanity and divine power could breathe their inspiration for the world's instruction and delight.

Alexander McKenzie.



August 29.

FREDERICK DENISON MAURICE, 1805.
O. W. HOLMES, 1809.

THE gray-blue eyes, I see them still,
The gallant front with brows o'erhung,
The shape alert, the wit at will,
The phrase that stuck, but never stung.
You with the classic few belong,
Who tempered wisdom with a smile.

Lowell, on "Holmes."

HE who ceases to kneel before the Divine wisdom soon
talks superciliously of the human, and ends with the wor-
ship of his own.

F. D. Maurice.

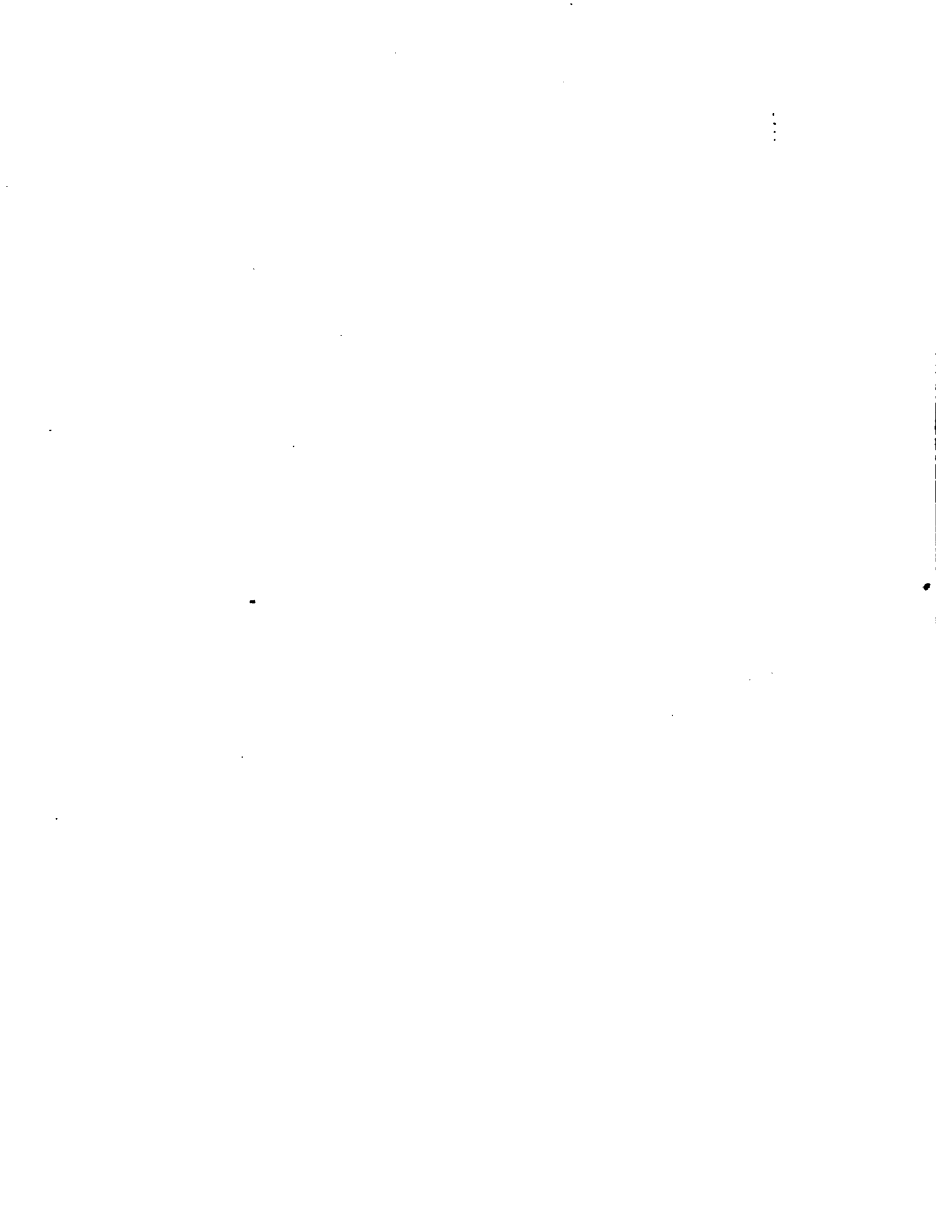
August 30.

GOD, who is great in justice when he chastens, will not
be little in mercy when he blesses.

The Churchman.

ALL we have willed or hoped or dreamed of good, shall exist ;
Not its semblance, but itself ; no beauty, nor good, nor power
Whose voice has gone forth, but each survives for the melodist,
When eternity affirms the conception of an hour.
The high that proved too high, the heroic for earth too hard,
The passion that left the ground to lose itself in the sky,
Are Music sent up to God by the lover and the bard ;
Enough that he heard it once ; we shall hear it by and by.

Robert Browning.



August 31.

HER joyous and impassioned nature, though she lived safely, as it were, in her own sweet world . . . was often conscious of something yet to come, ready and expectant of *the rest of it*. The rest of life, she meant; the rest of sorrow, love, and feeling.

Jean Ingelow.

THE holidays were fruitful, but must end;
One August evening had a cooler breath.

Emerson.

THE light of these days is very exquisite, so gently bright, without any glare, — in short, it is the kindest mood of Nature, and almost enough to compensate for chill and drearier months.

Hawthorne.



September 1.

So, still within this life,
Though lifted o'er its strife,
Let me discern, compare, pronounce at last,
"This rage was right i' the main,
"This acquiescence vain :
"The Future I may face now I have proved the Past."
Robert Browning.

BLESSED is he who has found his work ; let him ask no other blessedness.

Carlyle.

September 2.

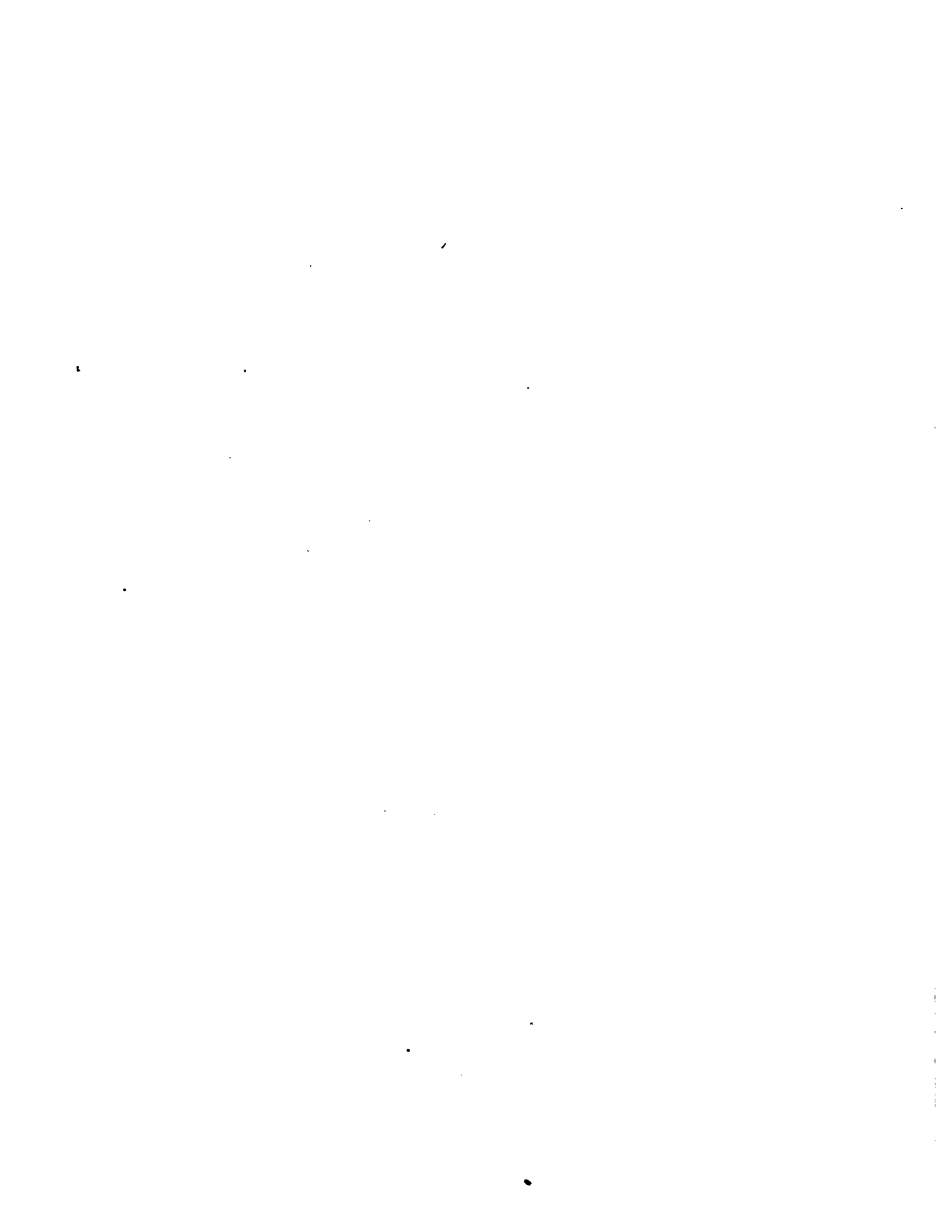
EUGENE FIELD, 1850.

EITHER write things worth reading, or do things worth writing.

Benjamin Franklin.

TRAIN the understanding. Take care that the mind has a stout and straight stem. Leave the flowers of wit and fancy to come of themselves.

Augustus Hare.



September 3.

TACT is a gift; it is likewise a grace. As a gift, it may or may not have fallen to our share; as a grace, we are bound either to possess or to acquire it.

Christina Rossetti.

THEM that has china plates themsel's is the maist careful not to break the china plates of others.

Barrie.

September 4.

Do you know anything about education of which the Greeks have not taught us at least the rudiments? To produce health, that is, harmony and sympathy, proportion and grace, in every faculty of mind and body, — that was their notion of education.

Charles Kingsley.

As the bird wings and sings
Let us cry: all good things
Are ours, nor soul helps flesh more now than flesh helps soul.

Robert Browning.

September 5.

RICHELIEU, 1585.

VAIN, bootless pursuers of honor and fame!
'Tis idle to tell ye, what soon ye must prove —
That honor's a bauble, and glory a name.
When put in the balance of friendship and love.

Tennyson.

THE weakest among us has a gift, however seemingly trivial, which is peculiar to him, and which, worthily used, will be a gift also to his race.

Ruskin.

September 6.

BE strong, and he shall establish your heart, all ye that trust in the Lord.

Psalter for Sixth Day, Morning Prayer.

AND they remembered not past unhappiness because of present joy; nor that the chill of coming Winter was in the air, because it was Summer in their hearts; and this is the eternal magic of love.

Kate Douglas Wiggin.

September 7.

If you want to see ill-dressed people, the worst are . . . the folks generally who are over-valuers of learning. In the effort to dress the mind, I pray you not to forget the body. . . . It seems to me a duty for men and women to seem as well as to be gracious in dress and manner.

S. Weir Mitchell.

'Tis better to have had a head and lost it, than never to have had a head at all.

John Kendrick Bangs.

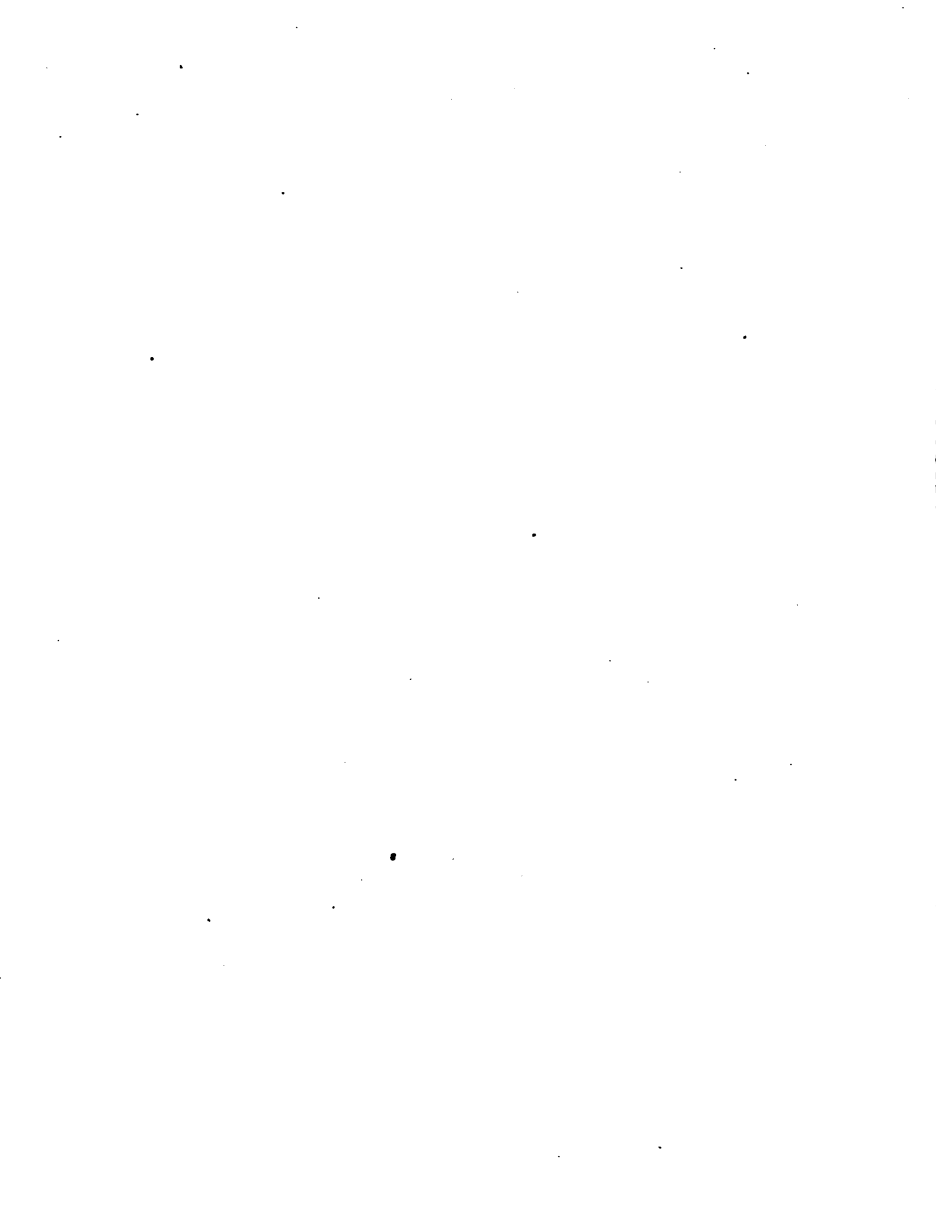
September 8.

HER purity doth hedge her
Round with so delicate divinity, that men
Stained to the soul with money-bag and ledger,
Bend to the goddess, manifest again.
. . . the children run
Seeing her come, for naught that I discover,
Save that she brings the summer and the sun.

Austin Dobson.

SUCH an one
As every one should wish to be.

Ramsey.



September 9.

EVER on earth the flowers have died,
And short is every song-bird's lay;
I dream of summers that abide
Alway.

Ever on earth have mortals sighed
O'er loves and friendships turned to clay;
I dream of unions that abide
Alway.

Sully-Prudhomme.

Do you ever feel the infinite sweetness that is contained in those dear words, "The Divine Will"?

Madame Swetchine.

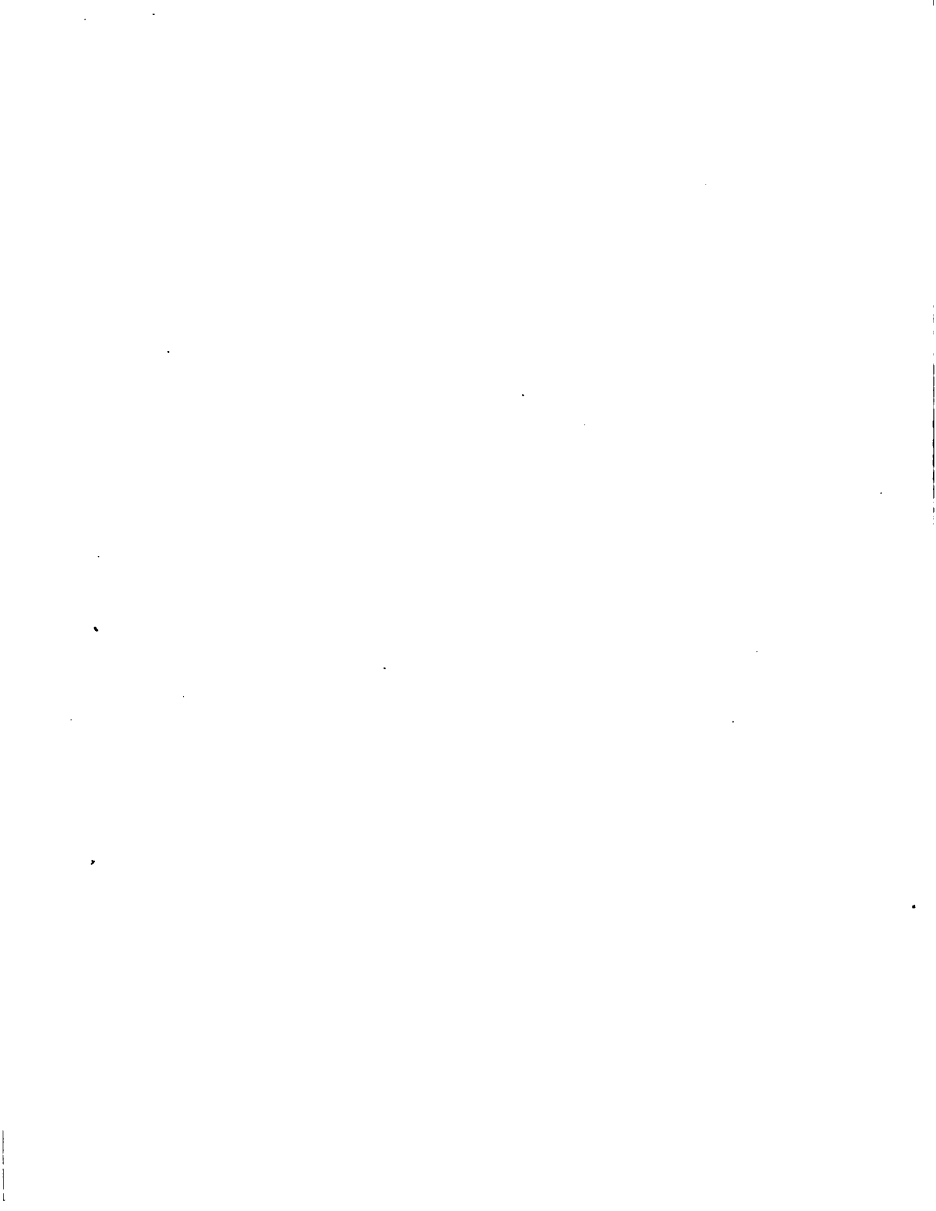
September 10.

A WOMAN who does not carry a halo of good feeling and desire to make everybody contented . . . wherever she goes, an atmosphere of grace, mercy, and peace, of at least six feet radius, . . . isn't worth the trouble of talking to, *as a woman*; she may do well enough to hold discussions with.

Holmes.

GIVE me the calm,
The steady, smiling soul, where wisdom sheds
Eternal sunshine and eternal peace.

Thomson.



September 11.

A MAN who spends his money is sure he is doing some good with it; he is not sure when he gives it away. A man who spends ten thousand a year will do more good than a man who spends two thousand and gives away eight.

Samuel Johnson.

THE beautiful is as useful as the useful.

Victor Hugo.

September 12.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER, 1829.

A PERFECT gentleman is never reserved, but sweetly and entirely open, so far as it is possible for him to be. The true gentlewoman causes all persons whom she approaches to feel perfectly at home with her.

Ruskin.

A SERVANT with this clause
Makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a room as for Thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine.

George Herbert.

September 13.

CHILDREN warm, and yet they cool our hearts, as we think of what we were and what we hoped to be. And to see our motives moving in the little things, that know not what their aim or object is, must almost, or ought at least, to lead us home, and soften us. For either end of life is home ; both source and issue being God.

Blackmore.

WHO feels knows deeper truth than he who sees.

T. W. Higginson.

September 14.

CORNER-STONE OF WELLESLEY COLLEGE LAID, 1871.

THE one great, true ideal of higher education . . . the ideal of the highest learning in full harmony with the noblest soul, graced by every charm of culture, useful, and beautiful because useful : woman learned without infidelity, wise without conceit ; the crowned queen of the world by right of that knowledge which is power, and that beauty which is truth.

Henry Fowle Durant.

“NON ministrari, sed ministrare.”

Wellesley College Motto.



September 15.

HERE might they learn whatever men were taught :
Let them not fear : some said their heads were less :
Some men's were small ; not they the least of men ;
For often fineness compensated size :
Besides, the brain was like the hand, and grew
With using ; thence the man's, if more was more ;
He took advantage of his strength to be
First in the field : some ages had been lost.

Tennyson.

EDUCATE a man for manhood, a woman for womanhood,
both for humanity.

Charles Kingsley.

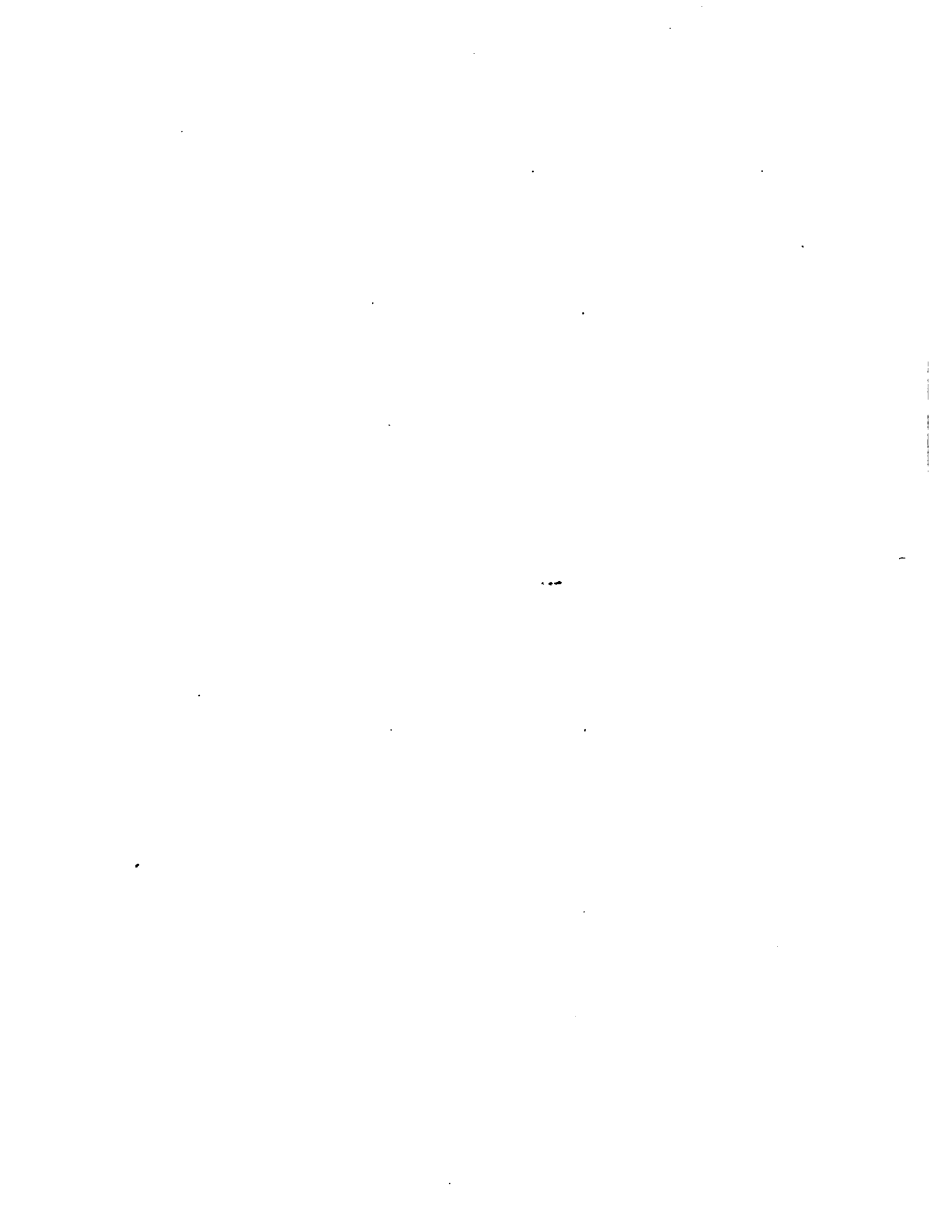
September 16.

HAST thou not a Brain, furnished, furnishable, with
some glimmerings of Light ; and three fingers to hold a
Pen withal ? . . . Speak forth what is in thee ; what
God has given thee.

Carlyle.

NEVER think of mending what you write : let it go : no
patching. As your pen moves, bear constantly in mind
that it is making strokes which are to remain forever.

Cobbett.



September 17.

SYMPATHY

Must call her in Love's name! and then, I know,
She rises up, and brightens as she should,
And lights her smile for comfort, and is slow
In nothing of high fortitude.

E. B. Browning.

LOVE took up the harp of Life, and smote on all the chords
with might;
Smote the chord of Self, that, trembling, pass'd in music out
of sight.

Tennyson.

September 18.

SAMUEL JOHNSON, 1709.

WORDS are men's daughters, but God's sons are things.

Samuel Johnson.

EARTH holds but one true good, but one true thing,
And this it is — to walk in honest ways
And patient, and with all one's heart belong
In love unto one's own! No death so strong
That love like this he ever conquers, slays;
The centuries do it no hurt, no harm:
They are eternal resurrection days.

H. H. Jackson.



September 19.

AMHERST COLLEGE OPENED, 1821.

O CURST with wide desires and spacious dreams,
Too cunningly do ye accumulate
Appliances and means of happiness,
E'er to be happy! Lavish hosts, ye make
Elaborate preparation to receive
A shy and simple guest, who, warned of all
The ceremony and circumstance wherewith
Ye mean to entertain her, will not come.

William Watson.

THE noblest mind the best contentment has.

Spenser.

September 20.

(PRESIDENT) L. CLARKE SEELYE, 1837.

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY OPENED, 1842.

WE live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives,
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

Philip James Bailey.

YOU'RE my friend —

What a thing friendship is, world without end!
How it gives the heart and soul a stir-up,
As if somebody broached you a glorious runlet!

Robert Browning.



September 21.

SAVONAROLA, 1452.

SAVONAROLA's nature was one of those in which opposing tendencies coexist in almost equal strength: the passionate sensibility which, impatient of definite thought, floods every idea with emotion and tends towards contemplative ecstasy, alternated in him with a keen perception of outward facts and a vigorous, practical judgment of men and things.

George Eliot.

LIVE upon the faith of yesterday, waiting for the faith of to-morrow.

Savonarola.

September 22.

MICHAEL FARADAY, 1791.

SCIENCE teaches us to be neglectful of nothing, not to despise the small beginnings, — they precede of necessity all great things.

Faraday.

THY soul was like a Star, and dwelt apart :
Thou hadst a voice whose sound was like the sea,
Pure as the naked heavens, majestic, free ;

So didst thou travel on life's common way
In cheerful godliness ; and yet thy heart
The lowliest duties on herself did lay.

Wordsworth.

September 23.

HELEN A. SHAFER, 1839.

(PRESIDENT) WILLIAM DE WITT HYDE, 1858.

"ONE who never turned his back, but marched breast forward,
Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed, though right were worsted, wrong would
triumph,
Held we fall to rise again, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake."

(Robert Browning.)

President Hyde.

GRATEFUL is the noise of noble deeds
To noble hearts.

Tennyson.

September 24.

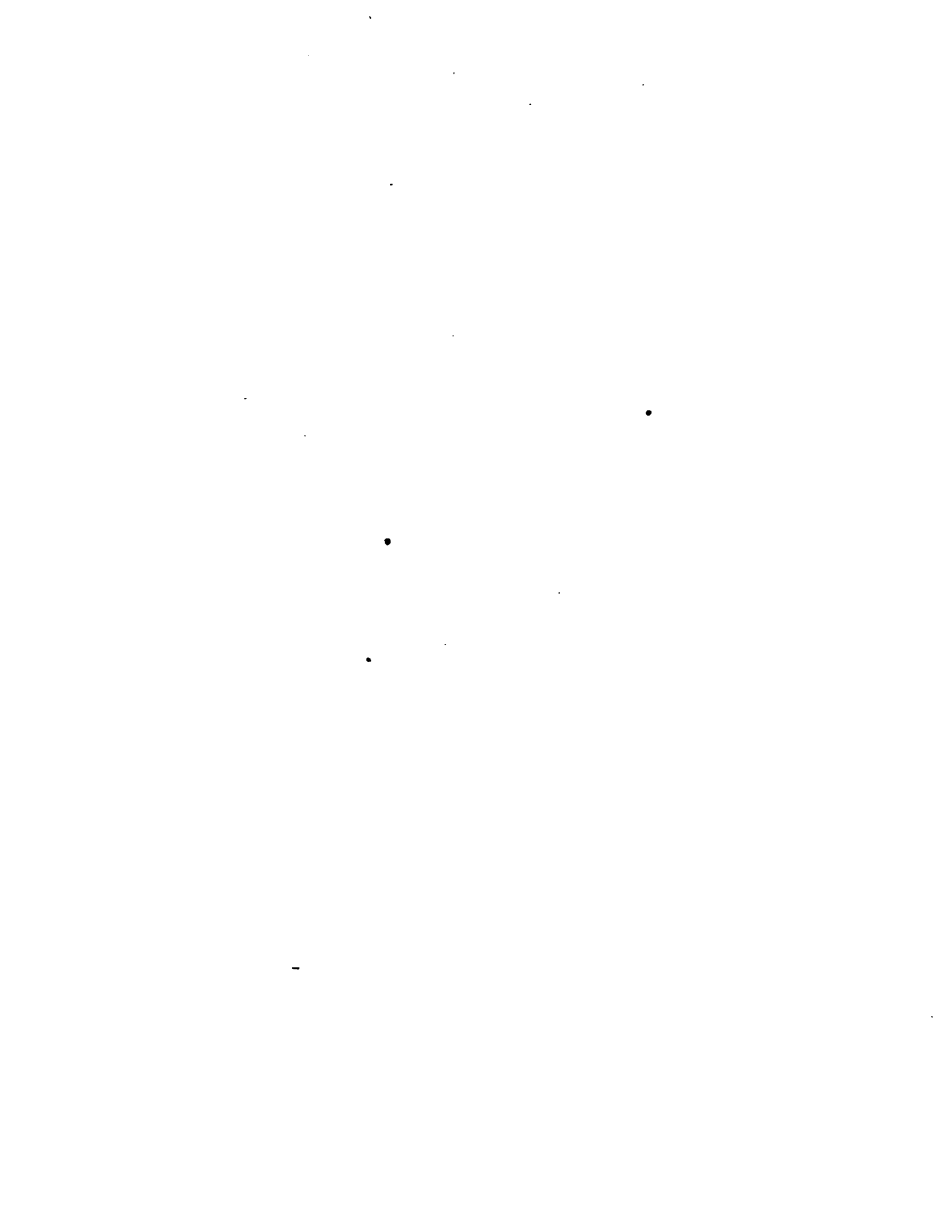
TRUE love's the gift which God has given
To man alone beneath the heaven :

.
It is the secret sympathy
The silver link, the silken tie,
Which heart to heart, and mind to mind,
In body and in soul can bind.

Scott.

To go out with one's whole soul towards the being, and
that which is most evident in the being, this is good.

Plato.



September 25.

HE who floats with the current, who does not guide himself according to higher principles, who has no ideal, no convictions,—such a man is a mere article of the world's furniture—a thing moved instead of a living and moving being—an echo, not a voice.

Amiel's Journal.

MY duty is to dare all things for a righteous end.

Byron.

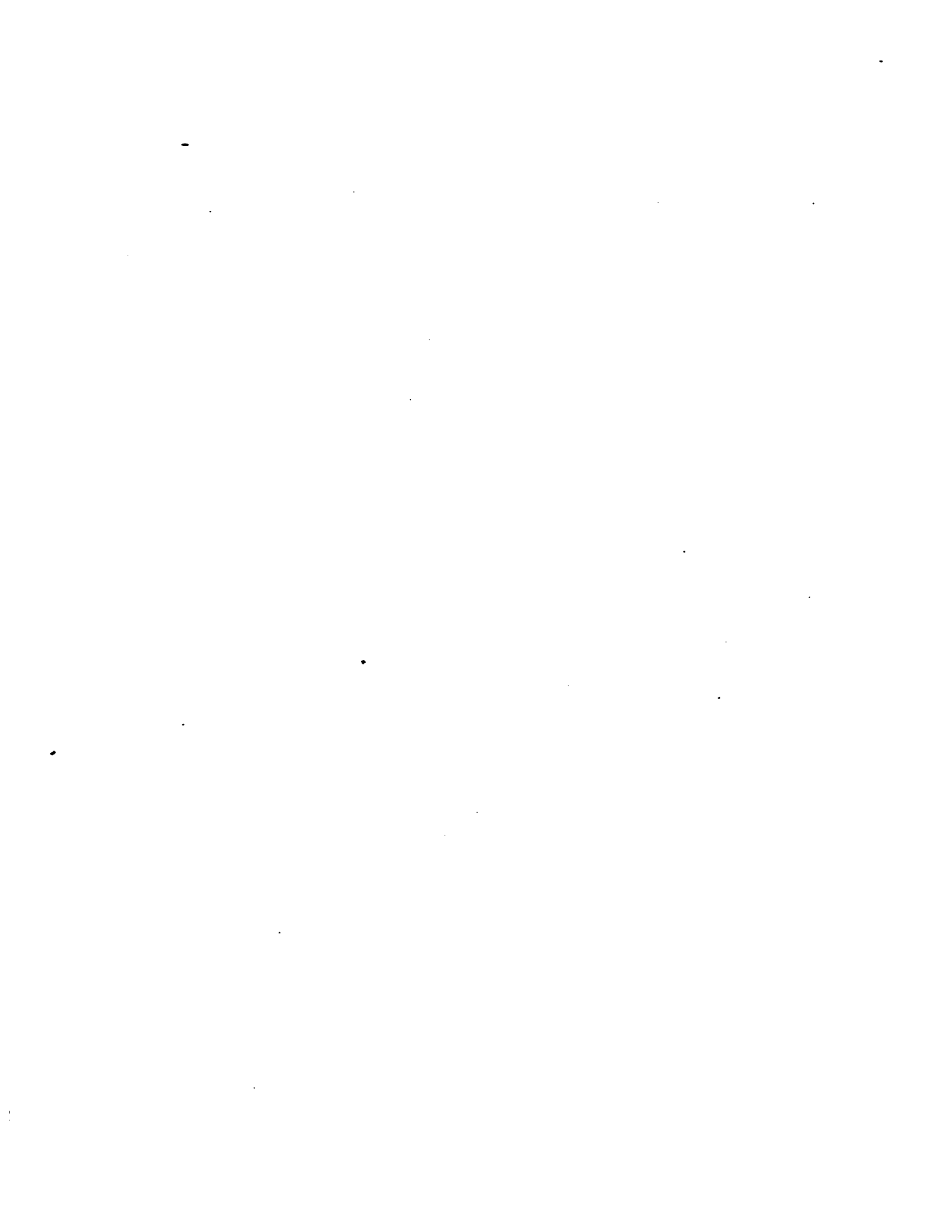
September 26.

YOUNG men, ay, and maids,
Too often sow their wild oats in tame verse,
Before they sit down under their own vine
And live for use.
. . . all these things, writ
On happy mornings, with a morning heart,
That leaps for love, is active for resolve,
Weak for art only.

E. B. Browning.

SELF-EXPRESSION is a necessity when the sense of self becomes deep, rich, and powerful.

Hamilton W. Mabie.



September 27.

It is a great young man whose life is inscribed upon his memory as being the great Emerson —

He is a friend to our race

He is a friend to all

He is a friend to all

The world is his

W. H. Miller.

The commonest things, such as the within everybody's grasp, are more valuable than the riches which so many men's eyes and struggle after.

Herbert.

September 28.

To know everything, and yet overlook a great deal ; to forgive slight offences, and treat matters of importance with due severity, was the rule of his conduct ; never vindictive, and in many instances disarmed by penitence.

Tacitus.

The path to virtue goes through ignorance into knowledge.

Carla Wenckebach.

September 29.

ST. MICHAEL.

NOT mine to mount to courts where seraphs sing,
Or glad archangels soar on outstretched wing ;

.
Not mine to stand enrolled at crystal gates,
Where Michael thunders or where Uriel waits.

But lesser worlds a Father's kindness know,
Be mine some simple service here below —
To weep with those who weep, their joys to share,
Their pains to solace or their burdens bear ;

.
To serve some child of thine, and so serve thee,
Lo, here am I : to such a work send me.

E. E. Hale.

September 30.

EVERY man's task is his life-preserver. The conviction that his work is dear to God, and cannot be spared, defends him.

Emerson.

ONCE more the woods grow crimson,
Once more the year burns down,
Once more my feet come home
To the little seaboard town.

Once more I learn desire
Prevails but to endure,
And the heart springs to meet
Your hand-touch — and be sure.

Bliss Carman.

October 1.

HAVE patience, . . . ourselves are full
Of social wrong ; and maybe wildest dreams
Are but the needful preludes of the truth :
For me, the genial day, the happy crowd,
The sport half-science, fill me with a faith,
This fine old world of ours is but a child
Yet in the go-cart. Patience ! Give it time
To learn its limbs : there is a hand that guides.

Tennyson.

GOD has emancipated man, but man still enthralls man.

Joaquin Miller.

October 2.

BUT it is the object of a liberal education not only to obscure the knowledge of one sex by another, but to magnify the natural difference between the two. Man is a creature who lives not upon bread alone, but principally by catch-words ; and the little rift between the sexes is astonishingly widened by simply teaching one set of catch-words to the girls and another to the boys.

Stevenson.

NOR shall thy wit or wisdom be forgot.

Young.



October 3.

CORNER-STONE MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE LAID, 1836.

THE subtle and varied pains springing from the higher sensibility that accompanies higher culture are perhaps less pitiable than that dreary absence of impersonal enjoyment and consolation which leaves ruder minds to the perpetual urgent companionship of their own griefs and discontents.

George Eliot.

CULTIVATE your mind, — if you happen to have one.

Samuel Johnson.

October 4.

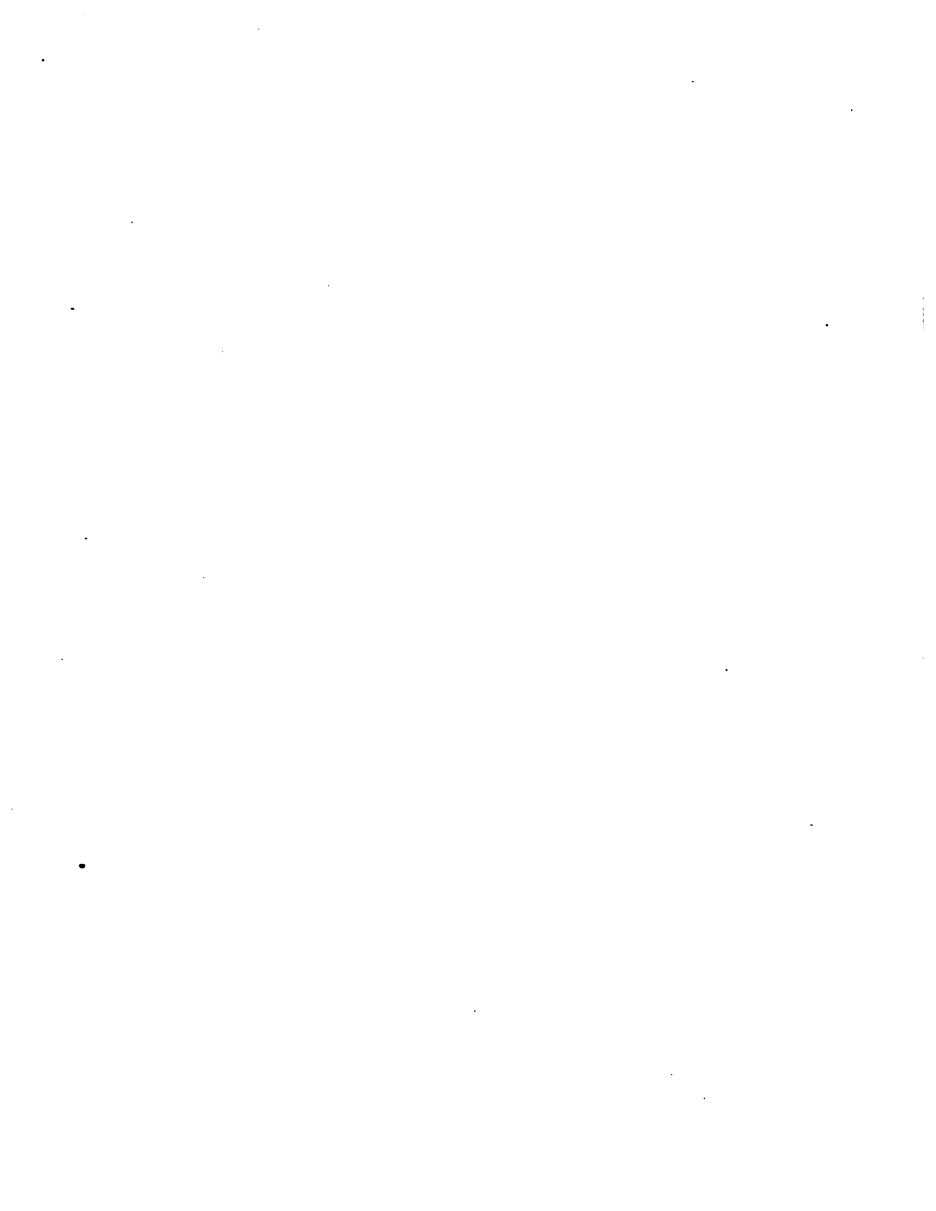
GUIZOT, 1787.

To people, as to individuals, the chance of the most complete and varied development, the chance of an almost unlimited progress in all directions, compensates of itself alone for all that it may cost to obtain the right of casting for it.

Guizot.

WHAT a woman thinks of women is the test of her nature.

George Meredith.



October 5.

JONATHAN EDWARDS. 1737.
CORNER-STONE WOMAN'S COLLEGE, BALTIMORE, LAID,
1886.

LET us not despise human learning. . . . An increase of knowledge, without doubt, increases man's advantage either to do good, or hurt, according as he is disposed.

Jonathan Edwards.

AND each hour has its lesson, and each life ;
And if we miss one life, we shall not find
Its lesson in another ; rather, go
So much the less complete for evermore.

Ugo Bassi.

October 6.

FROM women's eyes this doctrine I derive :
They sparkle still the right Promethean fire ;
They are the books, the arts, the Academes,
That show, contain, and nourish all the world.

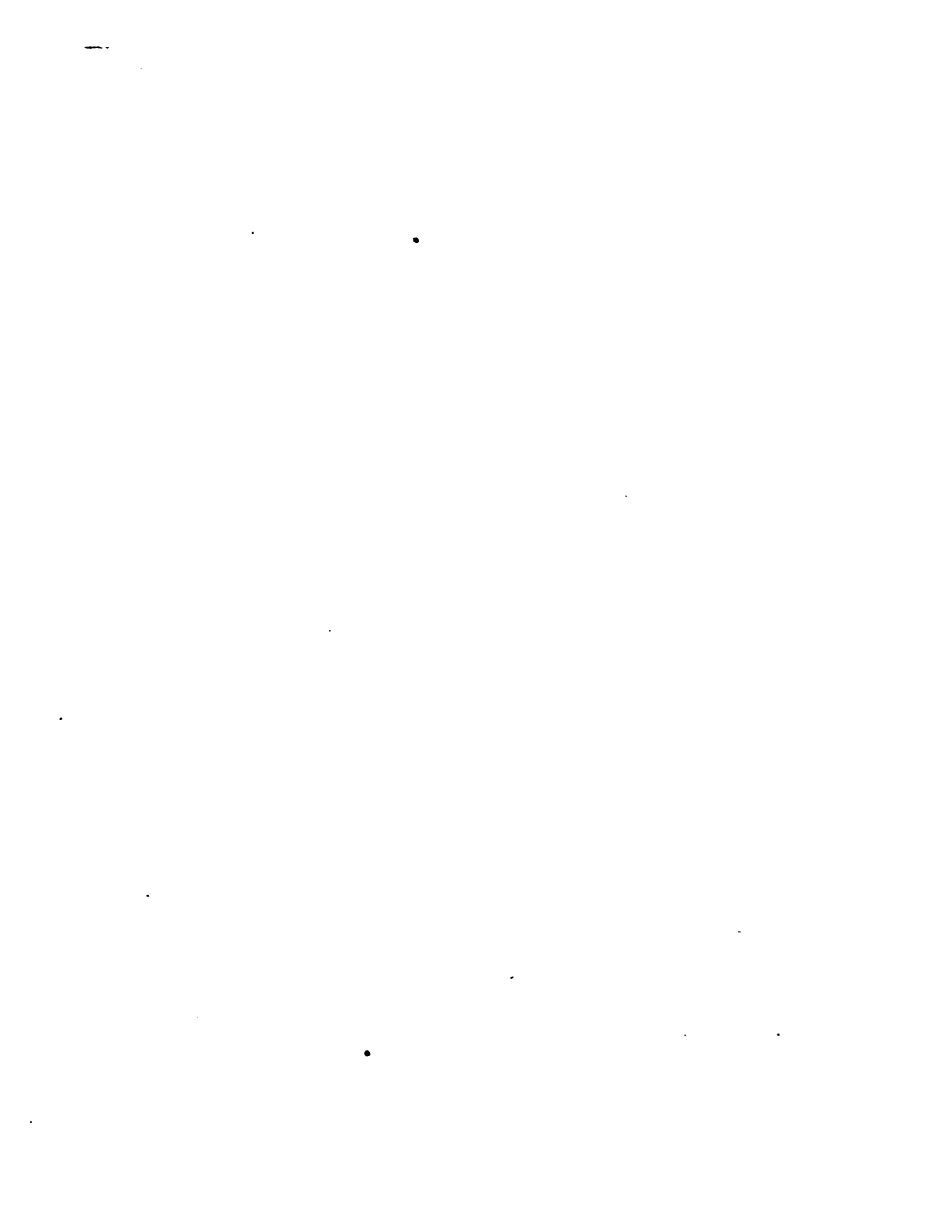
Shakespeare.

FOR complete sympathy is the bond which reunites literature to life. Sympathy — going out of self — is the mystic channel by which streams of health are poured into the one from the other.

A. H. Japp.

“NEXT after the Bible, Plato has been most helpful to me.”

Albert Harkness.



October 7.

INAUGURATION CORNELL UNIVERSITY, 1868.

GOD has delivered yourself to your care, and says : I
-had no one fitter to trust than you. Preserve this person
for me such as he is by nature, — modest, beautiful, faith-
ful, noble, tranquil.

Epictetus.

THE common problem, yours, mine, every one's,
Is not to fancy what were fair in life
Provided it could be — but finding first
What may be, then find how to make it fair
Up to our means.

Robert Browning.

October 8.

THAT which thou would'st be thou must be, that which thou
shalt be thou art ;
As the oak, astir in the acorn, the dull earth rendeth apart,
So, thou, the seed of thy longing, that breaketh and maketh
the heart.

Katharine Lee Bates.

HEAVEN doth with us as we with torches do ;
Not light them for ourselves ; for if our virtues
Did not go forth of us, 'twere all alike
As if we had them not.

Shakespeare.



October 9.

CERVANTES, 1547.

BEAUTIFUL it is to understand and know that a Thought did never yet die ; that as thou, the originator thereof, hast gathered it and created it from the whole Past, so thou wilt transmit it to the whole Future.

Carlyle.

CULTURE is the power which makes a man capable of appreciating the life around him, and the power of making that life worth appreciating.

Mallock.

October 10.

(PRESIDENT) HENRY WADE ROGERS.

GOOD taste, we may be certain, is only attainable by the exercise of the mind, by study, by thought. Healthy exercise for mind and body, that is our ceaseless cry.

Augustine Birrell.

“WHEN anybody’s misbehavior disturbs you, immediately turn to yourself, and bethink you whether you have not been guilty of the same fault.”

President Rogers.

October 11.

THE first motive which ought to impel us to study is the desire to augment the excellence of our nature, and to render an intelligent being yet more intelligent.

Montesquieu.

FOR him was levere have at his beddes heed
Twenty bokes, clad in blak or reed
Of Aristotle and his philosophye,
Than robes riche, or fithele, or gay sautrye.

Chaucer.

October 12.

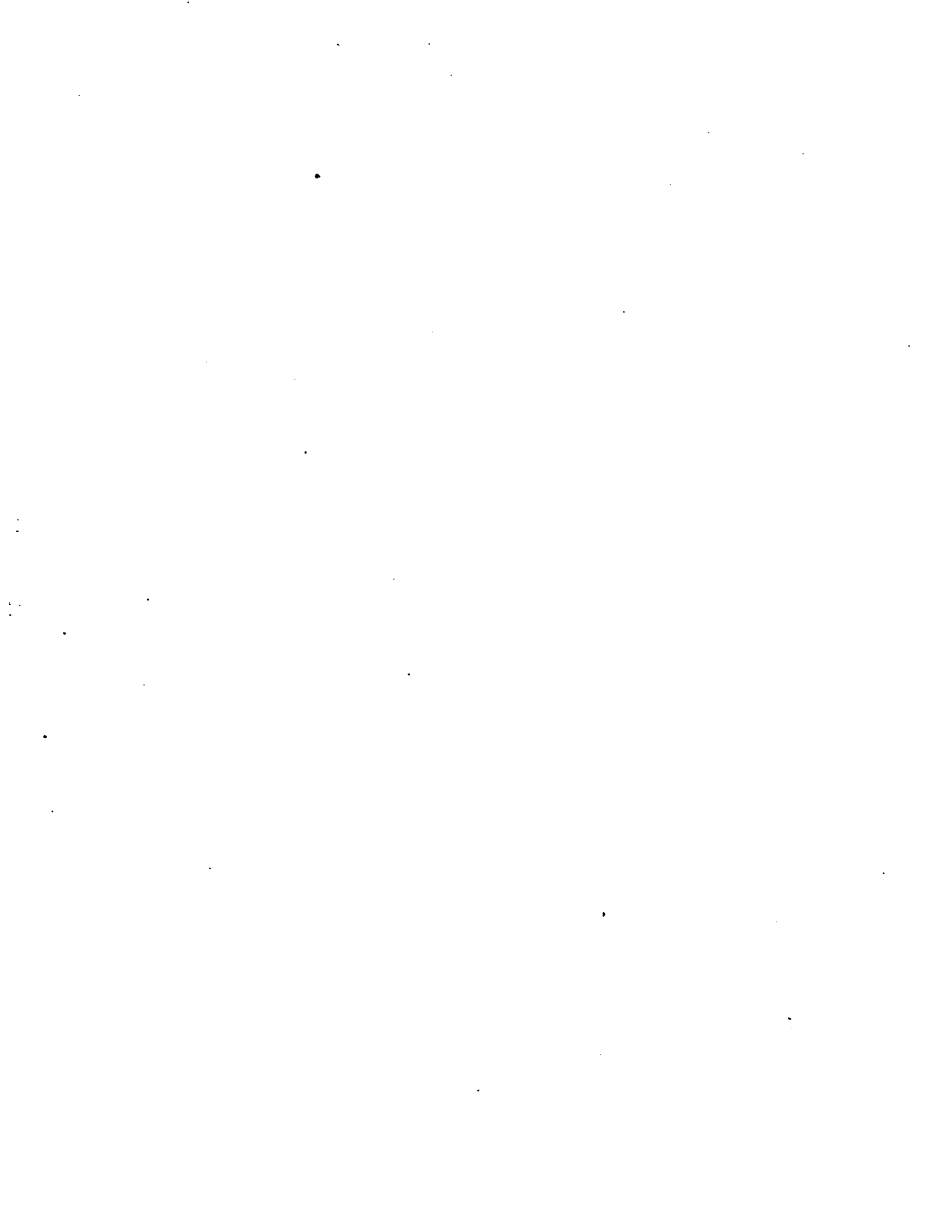
COLUMBUS DISCOVERED AMERICA, 1492.

FROM his adventurous prime
He dreamed the dream sublime :
Over his wandering youth
It hung, a beckoning star.
At last the vision fled,
And left him in its stead
The scarce sublimer truth,
The world he found afar.

William Watson.

I FEEL that in America you have the stamp of the "to be."

Lady Henry Somerset.



October 13.

WHAT is useful forms but a part of the important. Fully to possess, to command, and rule an object, we must first study it for its own sake.

Goethe.

EVERY man truly lives so long as he acts his nature, or in some way makes good the faculties of himself.

Sir Thomas Browne.

O FRIENDSHIP! of all things the
Most rare, and therefore most rare, because most
Excellent.

Lilly.

October 14.

WILLIAM PENN, 1644.

THERE are many people in the world who don't know what they really are till circumstances show them. . . . If the pepper-caster could know what it really was, it would always be sneezing its head off.

Jean Ingelov.

I HAVE never seen great possessions excite to great alacrity. Usually they enfeeble the sympathies, and often overlie and smother them.

Landor.



October 15.

VERILY now is our season of seed,
Now is our Autumn ; and Earth discerns
Them that have served her, in them that can read,
Glassing where under the surface she burns
Quick at her wheel, while the fuel, decay,
Brightens the fire of renewal ; and we ?
Death is the word of a bovine day
Know you the heart of the springing To-be.

George Meredith.

WHERE are the songs of Spring ? Ay, where are they ?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too, —
While barrèd clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble plains with rosy hue.

Keats.

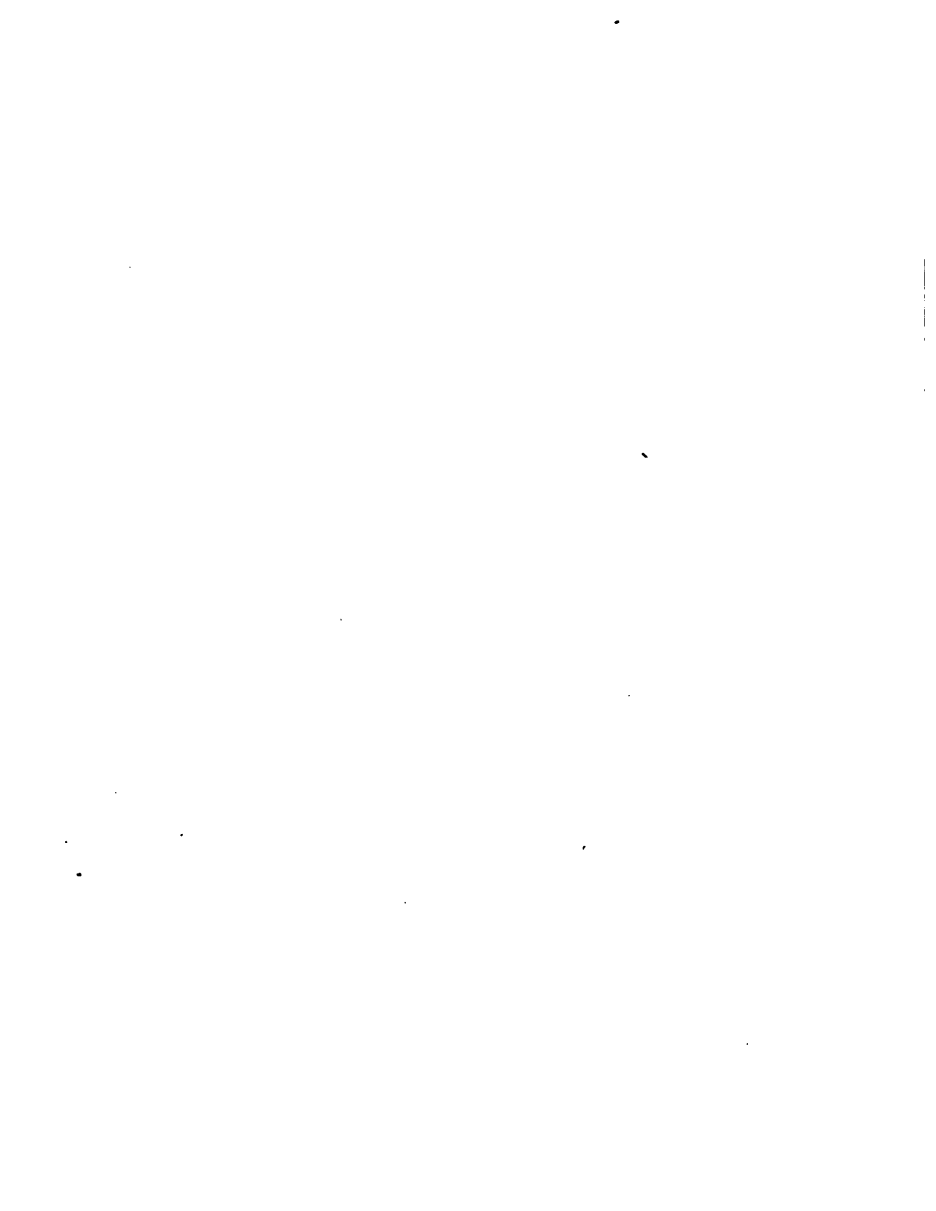
October 16.

It appears certain that the objective exhibition of
higher goodness is the most powerful means of develop-
ing the latent sense of it, . . . that our personal ideal
stretches wider with the stature of the beings we behold.

Martineau.

HAVE good will
To all that lives, letting unkindness die,
And greed and wrath ; so that your lives be made
Like soft airs passing by.

Edwin Arnold.



October 17.

. . . THE world is so beautiful; the world of ideas, living spirits, detached from the divine nature itself, . . . the world of man, above all, in his melodious and intelligible speech; the world of living creatures and natural scenery; the world of *dreams*.

Walter Pater.

THE day, so mild,
Is Heaven's own child,
.
With dreamful eyes
My spirit lies
Under the walls of Paradise.

Thomas Buchanan Read.

October 18.

HELEN HUNT JACKSON, 1831.

ON good gigantic smile o' the brown old earth
This autumn morning! How he sets his bones
To bask i' the sun, and thrusts out knees and feet
For the ripple to run over in its mirth;
Listening the while, where on the heap of stones,
The white breast of the sea-lark twitters sweet.

Robert Browning.

INTELLECT gives us light simple, what has been sometimes called a "dry light." With the sensibility added, we have light and warmth blended.

Mark Hopkins.



October 19.

JOHN ADAMS, 1735. LEIGH HUNT, 1784.

LEIGH HUNT loved dearly to be praised. . . . He desired sympathy as a flower seeks sunshine, and perhaps profited by it as much in the richer depth of coloring that it imparted to his ideas.

Hawthorne.

LIFE means, be sure,
Both heart and head — both active, both complete,
And both in earnest.

E. B. Browning.

October 20.

THOMAS HUGHES, 1823.

. . . ENJOYING every-day life as no man can who has not found out whence comes the capacity for enjoyment ;
. . . humble as no man can be who has not proved his own powerlessness to do right in the smallest act . . . ;
tolerant as no man can be who does not live daily and hourly in the knowledge of how Perfect Love is forever about his path, and bearing with and upholding him.

Thomas Hughes.

BORN to create good thoughts by thy rare worth.

Drayton.



October 21.

S. T. COLERIDGE, 1772.

HE prayeth well, who loveth well
Both man and bird and beast.

He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things both great and small,
For the dear Lord, who madeth us,
He made and loves them all.

Coleridge.

. . . THE Ideal is in thyself, the Impediment too is in
thyself; thy condition is but the stuff thou art to shape
that same Ideal out of.

Carlyle.

October 22.

FRANZ LISZT, 1811.

CHARTER GRANTED PRINCETON COLLEGE, 1746.

ARTISTS, indeed, are lifted by the ideality of their pursuits a little way off the earth, and are therefore able to catch the evanescent fragrance that floats in the atmosphere of life above the heads of the ordinary crowd.

Hawthorne.

HERE, work enough to watch
The Master work, and catch
Hints of the proper craft, tricks of the tool's true play.

Robert Browning.

October 23.

UND was ist reine Liebe?

“Die ihrer selbst vergisst!”

Und wann ist Lieb' am tiefsten?

“Wenn sie am stillsten ist!”

Und wann ist Lieb' am reichsten?

“Das ist sie, wenn sie giebt!”

Und sprich, wie redet Liebe?

“Sie redet nicht, sie liebt!”

Halm.

THE virtue of originality is not newness but genuineness.

Richard Burton.

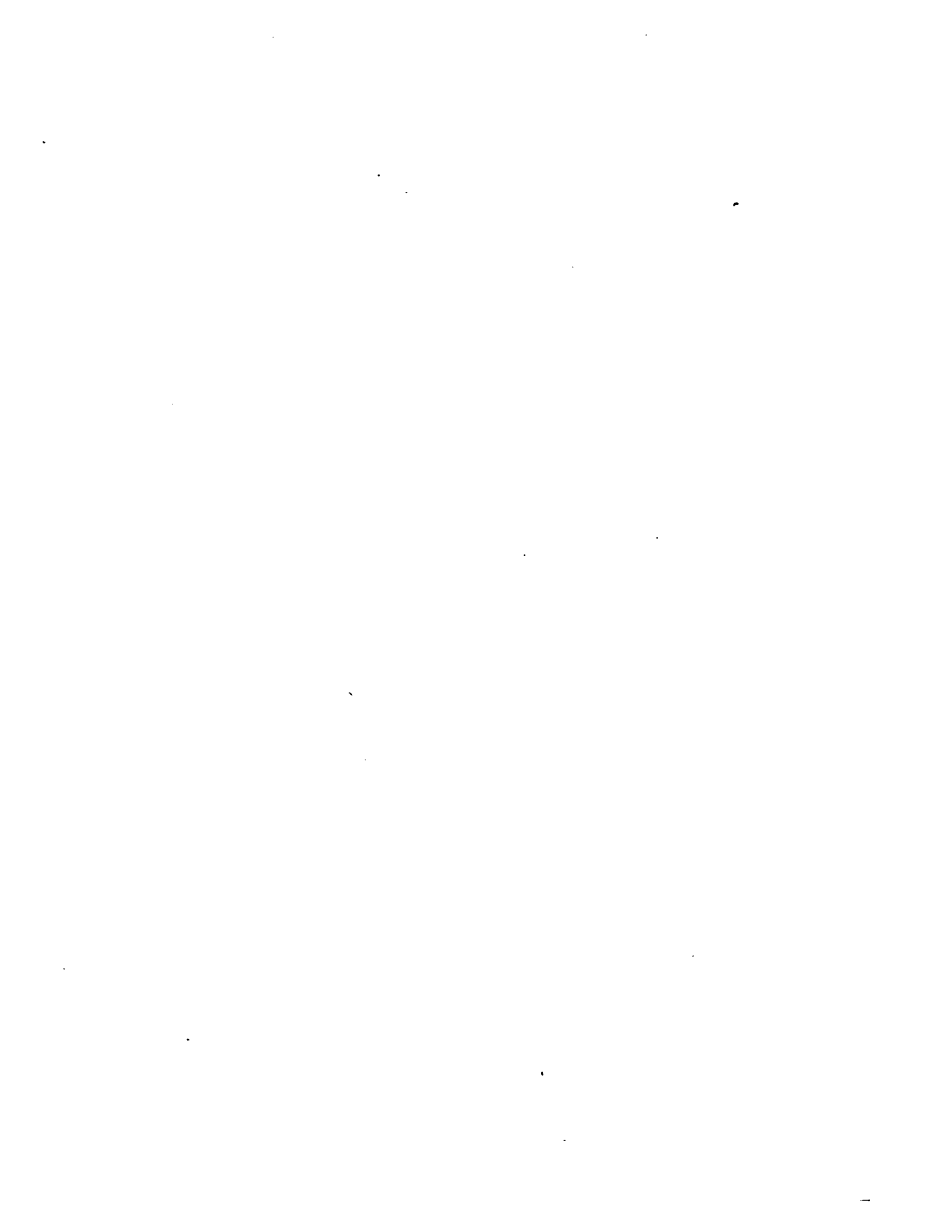
October 24.

No man takes out of life more than he puts into it; and no man makes any real achievement who does not secure it by force, ability, and genuine work. Any other explanation of success is fallacious and misleading.

The Outlook.

THE first years of man must make provision for the last. He that never thinks never can be wise. Perpetual levity must end in ignorance; and intemperance, though it may fire the spirits for an hour, will make life short or miserable.

Samuel Johnson.



October 25.

T. B. MACAULAY, 1800.

THE Puritans hated bear-baiting, not because it gave pain to the bear, but because it gave pleasure to the spectators.

Macauley.

So oft the doing of God's will
Our foolish wills undoeth !
And yet what idle dream breaks ill
Which morning light subdueth ;
And who would murmur or misdoubt
When God's great sunrise finds him out ?

E. B. Browning.

October 26.

VON MOLTKE, 1800.

EVERY man is his brother's bane,
Where sloth brings honor and labor scorn.
Of fellowship yet shall the earth be fain,
Hasten we, hasten the happy morn.
Life is hopeless in park and slum,
Where sloth brings honor and labor scorn.
All shall be well in the days to come,
Hasten we, hasten the happy morn.

C. W. Beckett.

WHAT you can do, or dream you can, begin it ;
Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.

Goethe.



October 27.

THE grace of friendship — mind and heart
Linked with their fellow heart and mind;
The gains of science, gifts of art;
The sense of oneness with our kind;
The thirst to know and understand —
A large and liberal discontent:
These are the goods in life's rich hand,
The things that are more excellent.

William Watson.

HE only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, whose spirit is entering into living peace.

Ruskin.

October 28.

LET every one, according to his talents, according to his tendencies, and according to his disposition, *do* his utmost to increase the culture and development of the people.

Goethe.

THE most hopeful sign of the times is that our young men and women are demanding, not improvement in method, but regeneration in life; and for such regeneration the College Settlement stands.

Vida D. Scudder.

October 29.

JOHN KEATS, 1795.

EVER let the Fancy roam !

She has vassals to attend her ;
She will bring, in spite of frost,
Beauties that the earth hath lost ;
She will bring thee, all together,
All delights of summer weather ;
All the buds and bells of May
From dewey sward or thorny spray ;
All the heapèd Autumn's wealth,
With a still, mysterious stealth :

. . . Let the wingèd Fancy roam !

Keats.

October 30.

FROM gold to gray
Our mild, sweet day
Of Indian summer fades too soon.
But tenderly
Above the sea
Hangs, white and calm, the hunter's moon

Whittier.

TAKE joy home
And make a place in thy great heart for her,
And give her time to grow, and cherish her ;

It is a comely fashion to be glad,
Joy is the grace we say to God.

Jean Ingelow.



October 31. (HALLGWE'EN.)

GLEN. I CAN call spirits from the vasty deep.

HOT. Why, so can I, or so can any man.

But will they come when you do call for them?

Shakespeare.

A YOUNG lady sang to me a Miss Somebody's "great song," Live, and Love, and Die. Had it been written for nothing better than silkworms, it should at least have added — Spin.

Ruskin.

IN the other gardens
And all up the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over,
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The gray smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!

Stevenson.

November 1. (ALL SAINTS.)

It singeth low in every heart,
We hear it one and all;
A song of those who answer not,
However we may call.

The kind, the true, the brave, the sweet,
Who walk with us no more.

They cannot be where God is not,
On any sea or shore;
Whate'er betides, Thy love abides,
Our God forevermore!

John W. Chadwick.

EVERY limit is a beginning as well as an ending.

George Eliot.

November 2.

MARIE ANTOINETTE, 1755.

It is not the object of education to turn a woman into a dictionary; but it is deeply necessary that she should be taught to enter with her whole personality into the history she reads; . . . chiefly of all, she is to be taught to extend the limits of her sympathy with respect to that history which is being for her determined, as the moments pass in which she draws her peaceful breath.

Ruskin.

I SPOKE as I saw.

I report, as a man may of God's work —
All's love, yet all's law.

Robert Browning.

November 3.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT, 1794.

TRUTH crushed to earth shall rise again:
The eternal years of God are hers.

Go forth under the open sky, and list
To Nature's teachings.

Bryant.

AN intelligent person, looking out of his eyes and
hearkening in his ears, . . . will get more true educa-
tion than many another in a life of heroic vigils.

Stevenson.

November 4.

GUIDO RENI, 1575. JAMES MONTGOMERY, 1771.

ART is the reflection of the life of the many in the
mind of one. He [the artist] must possess that calmness
of nature which can only arise from a pure heart.

F. P. Stearns.

HERE in the body pent,
Absent from Him I roam;
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent
A day's march nearer home.

Montgomery.

November 5.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY OPENED, 1855.

I TELL you this for a wonder, that no man shall then be glad
Of his fellow's fall and mishap to snatch at the work he had.

Then all *mine* and all *thine* shall be ours, and no more shall
any man crave

For riches that serve for nothing but to fetter a friend for a
slave.

For all these shall be ours and all men's, nor shall any lack a
share,

Of the toil and the gain of living in the days when the world
grows fair.

William Morris.

November 6.

I LOVE her heartily ;

For she is wise, if I can judge of her,
And fair she is, if that mine eyes be true,
And true she is, as she hath proved herself,
And therefore, like herself, wise, fair, and true,
Shall she be placèd in my constant soul.

Shakespeare.

IT would seem that the highest and holiest soul carries
with it, like an atmosphere, a perfect serenity, a sense of
present eternity, a presage of immortality.

George Merriam.

November 7.

O HUNGER, Hunger, I will harness thee,
And make thee harrow all my spirit's glebe.
Of old the blind bard Hervé sang so sweet,
He made a wolf to plough his land.

Sidney Lanier.

OUR life is always deeper than we know, is always more divine than it seems, and hence we are able to survive degradations and despairs which otherwise must have engulfed us.

Henry James.

November 8.

To live content with small means, to seek elegance rather than luxury, refinement rather than fashion, to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, to listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open heart, to study hard, think quietly, act frankly, speak gently, in a word, to let the spiritual unbidden and unseen grow up through the common — this is to be my Symphony.

Channing.

THINGS noble are tranquil by nature.

Goethe.



November 9.

JAMES A. GARFIELD, 1831.

(PRESIDENT) CHARLES F. THWING, 1853.

(PRESIDENT) JULIA J. IRVINE, 1848.

IF the power to do hard work is not talent, it is the best possible substitute for it.

Garfield.

"OUR little systems have their day,
They have their day and cease to be :
They are but broken lights of Thee,
And Thou, O Lord, art more than they."

(Tennyson.)

President Thwing.

November 10.

OLIVER GOLDSMITH, 1728.

WISDOM makes but a slow defence against trouble,
though at last a sure one.

Goldsmith.

I EXPECT to pass through this life but once. If therefore there is any kindness I can show, or any good I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

A. B. Hegeman.



November 11.

T. B. ALDRICH, 1837.

DEAR heart, our lives so happily flow,
So lightly we heed the flying hours,
We only know Winter is gone — by the flowers,
We only know Winter is come — by the snow.

T. B. Aldrich.

AND is not the fullest kind of love, when its home is
in the true soul, indeed and altogether a most holy and
entire equality in thought, in aim, in hope?

Kate Gannett Wells.

November 12.

ELIZABETH CADY STANTON, 1816.

HE was a graduate in nature's university. Nature is
wiser than the schoolmaster ; she educates, but she never
crams. Her scholars do not go up to take their degrees ;
their degrees come to them.

Jean Ingelow.

MAN'S books are but man's alphabet :
Beyond and on his lessons lie —
The lessons of the violet,
The large gold letters of the sky.

Joaquin Miller.

November 13.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON, 1856.

SOME one has written that love makes people believe in immortality, because there seems not to be room enough in life for so great a tenderness, and it seems inconceivable that the most masterful of the emotions should have no more than the spare moments of life.

Stevenson.

THE only difference of the love in heaven
From love on earth below,
Is, here we love, and know not how to tell it,
And there we all shall know.

Constance F. Woolson.

November 14.

LIVING is a great science, which requires of the life-student the noblest, broadest patience. One can indeed without thought spring up into a crude, raw womanhood or manhood . . . but the richer, riper forms of personality—the creative lives, the lives that can inspire and inflame others with thoughts of nobleness—are the outcome of deep thinking.

Charles Cuthbert Hall.

. . . CHRISTES lore, and his apostles twelve
He taught, but first he folwed it himselve.

Chaucer.

November 15.

WILLIAM COWPER, 1731.

KNOWLEDGE is proud that he has learn'd so much ;
Wisdom is humble that he knows no more,
Books are not seldom talismans and spells.

I would not enter on my list of friends
(Though graced with polish'd manners and fine sense,
Yet wanting sensibility) the man
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.

Cowper.

THE last test of a college is its finished product, the quality of the men and women it trains for the world's service.

J. Irving Manatt.

November 16.

(PRESIDENT) TIMOTHY DWIGHT, 1828.

So whatever thou be, . . . practise thyself in this : be what thou art, for mickle loss and shame it is to man, if he will not be that that he is, and that that he ought to be.

Anglo-Saxon Reader.

WE feel we are nothing — for all is Thou and in Thee ;
We feel we are something — that also has come from Thee.
We are nothing, O Thou — but Thou wilt help us to be !

Tennyson.

November 17.

“**LE style est l’homme.**” As a quality of style, at all events, soul is a fact, in certain writers—the way they have of absorbing language, of attracting it into the peculiar spirit they are of, with a subtlety which makes the actual result seem like some inexplicable inspiration.

Walter Pater.

TRANSPLANT words to your pages with the earth clinging to their roots.

Thoreau.

November 18.

EVILS in the journey of life are like the hills which alarm travellers upon their road; they both appear great at a distance, but when we approach them we find that they are far less insurmountable than we had imagined.

Colton.

A LOOK — and lo, our natures meet!
A word — our minds make one reply!
A touch — our hearts have but one beat!
And, if we walk together — why
The same thought guides our feet.

Owen Meredith.

November 19.

THORWALDSEN, 1770.

WE cannot kindle when we will
The fire which in the heart resides,
The spirit bloweth and is still,
In mystery our soul abides ;
But tasks in hours of insight will'd
Can be through hours of gloom fulfilled.

Matthew Arnold.

CAN we have too much of truth, and fun, and beauty,
and kindness?

Thackeray.

November 20.

I'm proof against that word failure. I've seen behind it. The only failure a man ought to be is failure in cleaving to the purpose he sees to be best. . . . As long as a man sees and believes in some great good, he'll prefer working towards that in the way he's best fit for, come what may.

George Eliot.

HE who gets up every time he falls, will get up by and by to stay.

Proverbial Philosophy.



November 21.

CERTAINLY not before the All-Perfect One can we aspire to merit; but try before Him to live up to our ideal. . . . Human society may punish us for crimes, human monitors may reprove us for vices; but God alone can charge upon us the sin which He alone is able to forgive.

Kant.

SUBDUE thyself — yet to thyself be true.

F. P. Stearns.

November 22.

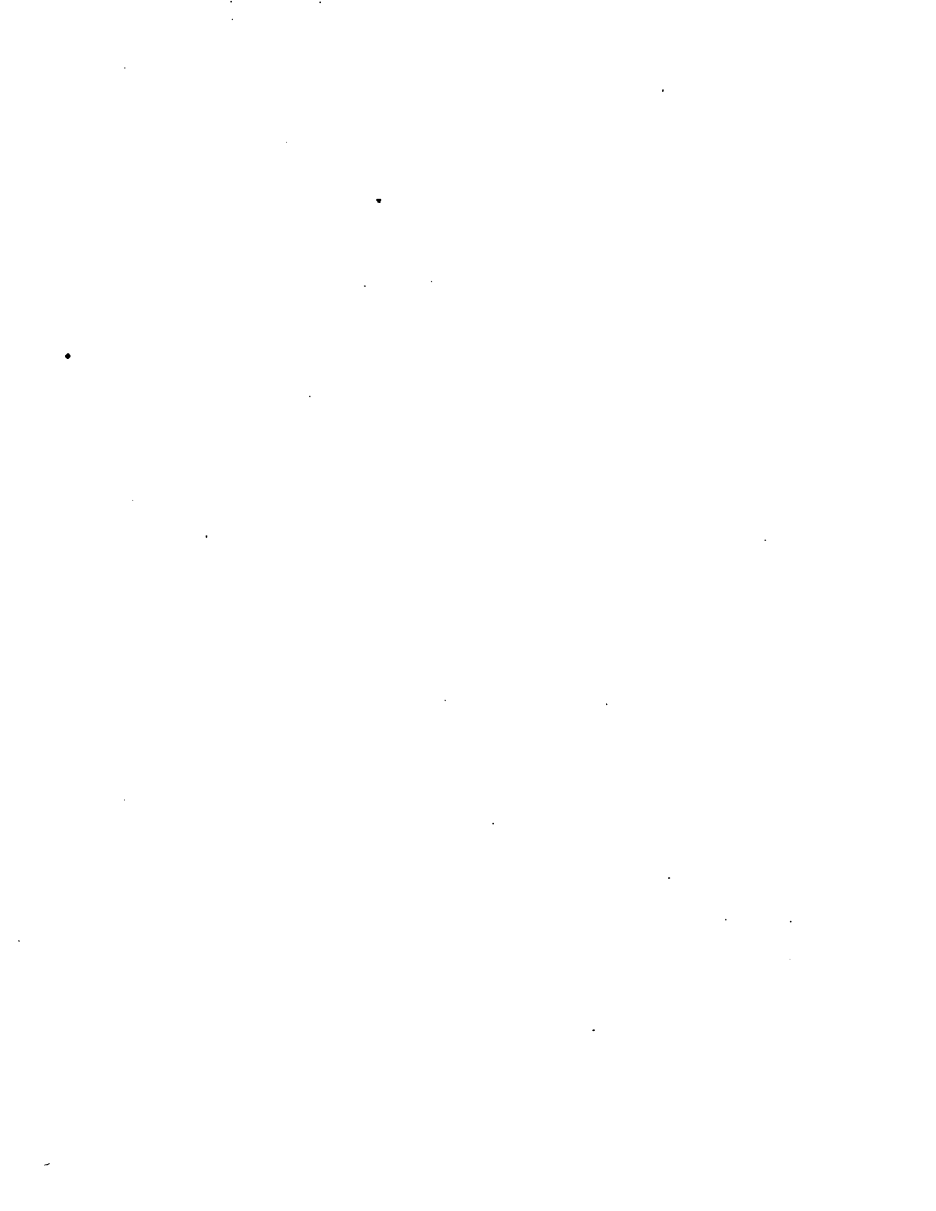
GEORGE ELIOT, 1819.

MAY I reach
That purest heaven, — be to other souls
The cup of strength in some great agony,
Enkindle generous ardor, feed pure love,
Beget the smiles that have no cruelty,
Be the sweet presence of a good diffused,
And in diffusion ever more intense!
So shall I join the choir invisible,
Whose music is the gladness of the world.

George Eliot.

To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own.

Abraham Lincoln.



November 23.

BLESSING she is : God made her so,
And deeds of week-day holiness
Fall from her noiseless as the snow,
Nor hath she ever chanced to know
That aught were easier than to bless.

Lowell.

THANK God every morning that you have something to do that day which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and to do your best will breed in you a hundred virtues which the idle never know.

Charles Kingsley.

November 24.

(PRESIDENT) JAMES G. K. MCCLURE.

Now listen, while I tell you how love doth spring !
Though oak-like, through long years, it grows, nurtured
by ponderings, sorrows, and songs, yet so quickly does it
shoot that a moment's space may fix its roots in the soil
of the heart.

Ibsen.

“ If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.” (2 Cor. viii. 12.)

President McClure.

November 25.

A WORLD of gathered sunshine
Is this warm heart of mine,
Where life hath heaped the fruitage,
And love hath hid the wine.
And though there's not a flower
In field, nor leaf on tree ;
Yet welcome is the winter
That brings my Love to me.

Gerald Massey.

EVERY day is a fresh beginning,
Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain,
And spite of old sorrow, and older sinning,
And puzzles forecasted, and possible pain,
Take heart with the day, and begin again.

Susan Coolidge.

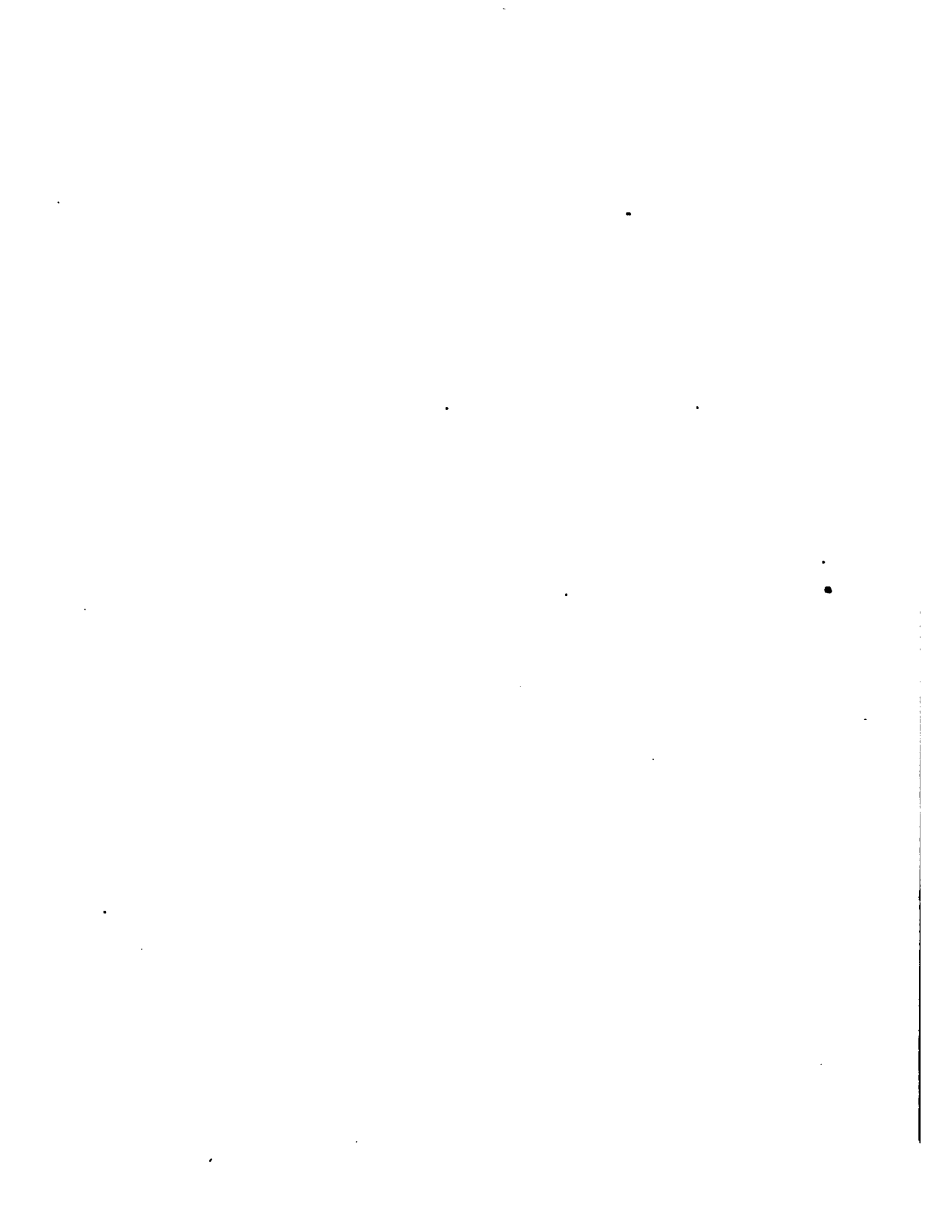
November 26.

To get rid of provinciality is a certain stage of culture ;
a stage the positive result of which we must not make of
too much importance, but which is, nevertheless, indispen-
sable, for it brings us on to the platform where alone the
best and highest intellectual work can be said fairly to
begin.

Matthew Arnold.

NEGLECT not to improve life in the present with supe-
rior persons ; for opportunity is precious.

Saadi.



November 27.

FOR the average man or woman, it is not enough to realize the value to his fellows of the service he can perform ; he must hold the recipient worthy of such service.

Frank C. Sharp.

HERE was the lofty truth revealed, that each
Must feel himself in all, must know where'er
The great soul acts or suffers or enjoys,
His proper soul in kinship there is bound,
Then my life-purpose dawned upon my mind,
Encouraging as morning.

Emma Lazarus.

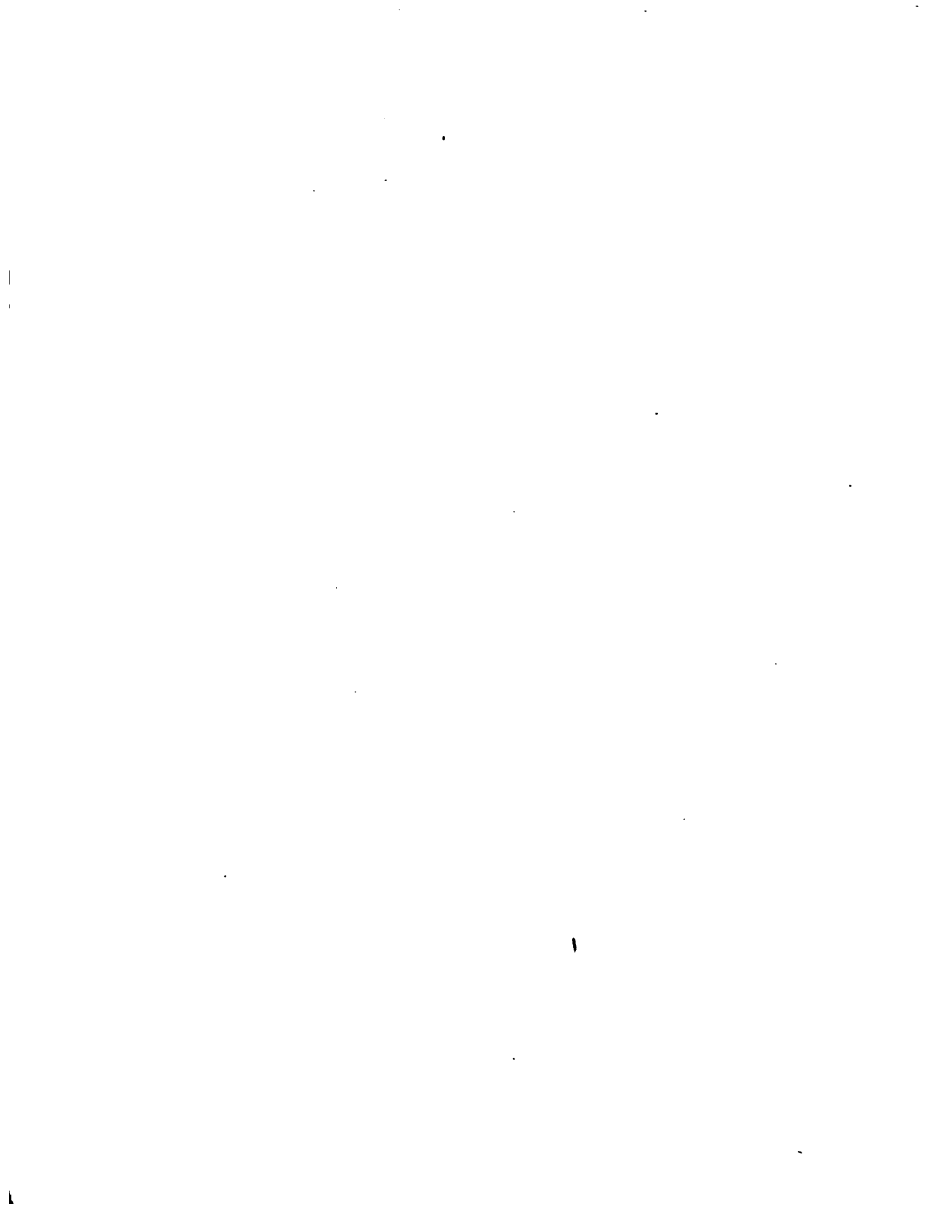
November 28.

PEOPLE are always talking of perseverance and courage and fortitude ; but . . . patience is the finest and worthiest part of fortitude, and the rarest, too . . . for patience lies at the root of all pleasure, as well as of all power.

Ruskin.

How various his employments, whom the world
Calls idle, and who justly in return
Esteems that busy world an idler, too !

Cowper.



November 29.

SIR PHILIP SIDNEY, 1554.

A SWEET attractive kinde of grace
A full assurance given by lookes ;
Continuall comfort in a face,
The lineaments of Gospell bookes.

Spenser, on " Sir Philip Sidney."

PERFECTION will never be reached ; but to recognize a period of transformation, and to adapt themselves honestly and rationally to its laws, is perhaps the nearest approach to perfection of which men and nations are capable.

Matthew Arnold.

November 30.

SAMUEL L. CLEMENS (MARK TWAIN), 1835.

LET us be thankful — thankful for the prayers
Whose gracious answers were so long delayed,
That they might fall upon us unawares,
And bless us, as in greater need, we prayed.

Let us be thankful for the loyal hand
That love held out in welcome to our own,
When love and only love could understand
The need of touches we had never known.

James Whitcomb Riley.

A CHEERFUL heart is what the muses love,
A soaring spirit is their prime delight.

Wordsworth.

December 1.

SPRING, the low prelude of a lordlier song :
Summer, a music without hint of death :
Autumn, a cadence lingeringly long :
Winter, a pause ; — the Minstrel Year takes breath.

William Watson.

THERE are no intimacies more valuable than those which a young man forms with one who is his senior by ten or twelve years. Those years do not destroy the sympathy and the sense of equality without which no cordiality can exist. Yet they strengthen the principles, and form the judgment.

Macaulay.

December 2.

JE me fais cette idée de la justice de Dieu, qu'elle daigne remonter jusqu'à la source de nos fautes, les rechercher dans leurs premiers germes, et démêler avec une délicatesse d'équité suprême la part de tous dans la vie de chacun.

Halevy.

EVERY right action and true thought sets the seal of its beauty on person and face.

Ruskin.

December 3.

At present the greater literary productiveness seems to appear in the land of the winter fire and the evening lamp, by the stormy sea which our ancestors have braved and loved for a thousand years.

Richardson.

"To know"

Rather consists in opening out a way
Whence the imprisoned splendor may escape
Than in effecting entry for a light,
Supposed to be without.

Robert Browning.

December 4.

THOMAS CARLYLE, 1795.

WHEN a belovèd hand is laid in ours,
When our world-deafen'd ear
Is by the tones of a loved voice caress'd —
A bolt is shot back somewhere in our breast,
And a lost pulse of feeling stirs again.
The eye sinks inward, and the heart lies plain,
And what we mean, we say, and what we would, we know.
A man becomes aware of his life's flow,
And hears its winding murmur; . . .
And then he thinks he knows
The hills where his life rose,
And the sea where it goes.

Matthew Arnold.

December 5.

"I COUNT not myself to have apprehended ; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Text of Bishop Brooks's last address at Wellesley College.

SCHLÄFT ein Lied in allen Dingen.

Eichendorff.

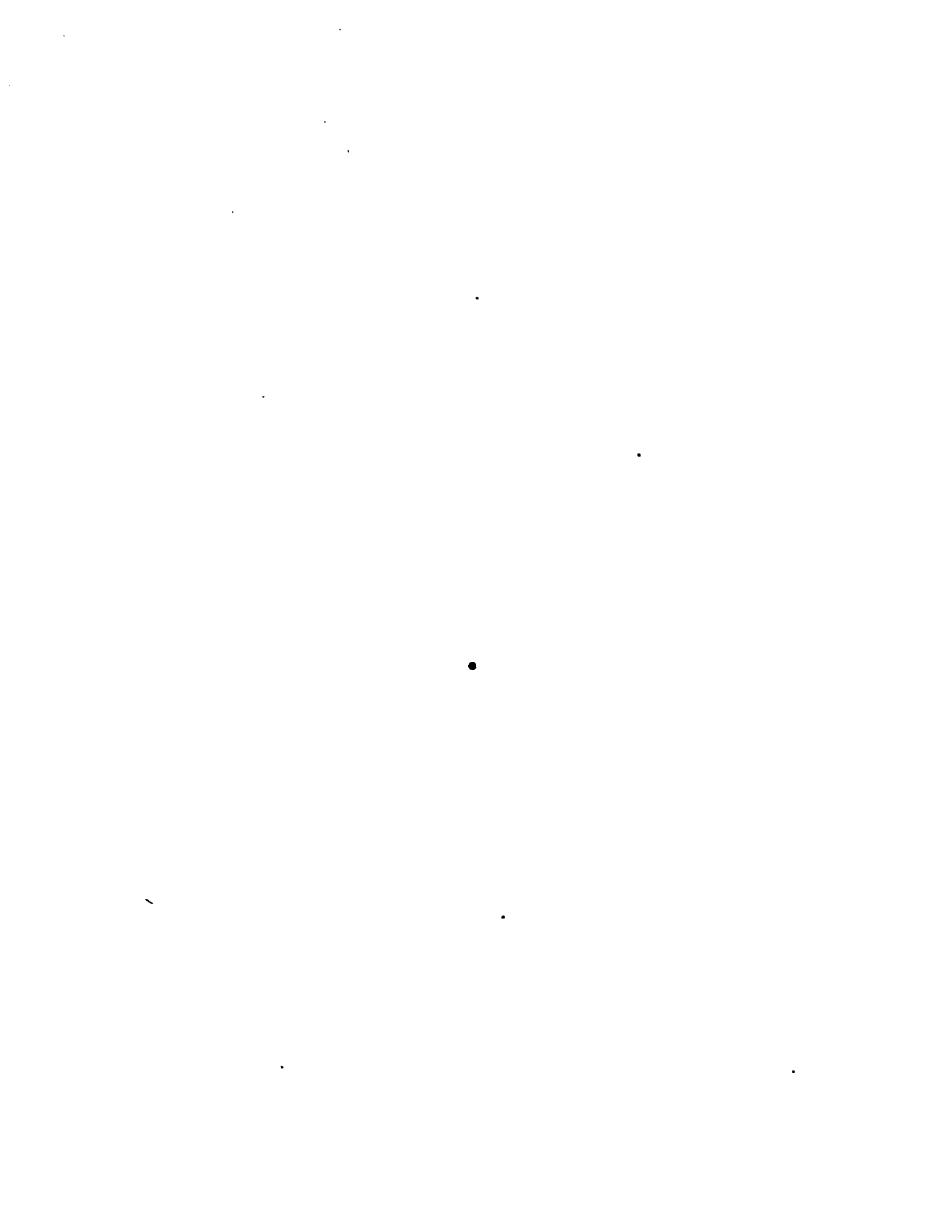
December 6.

BLESSED is the man who has the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self, and seeing and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another.

Thomas Hughes.

In every look, word, deed, and thought,
Nothing but sweet and womanly.

Coventry Patmore.



December 7.

To live, and see her learn, and learn by her
Out of the low, obscure, and petty world ;
Or only see one purpose and one will
Evolve themselves i' the world, change wrong to right :
To have to do with nothing but the true,
The good, the eternal, and these not alone
In the main current of the general life,
But small experience of every day
Concerns of the particular hearth and home.

Robert Browning.

It is my habit — I hope I may say, my nature — to
believe the best of people, rather than the worst.

George W. Curtis.

December 8.

WHAT is this, the sound and rumor? What is this that all
men hear,
Like the wind in hollow valleys, when the storm is drawing
near,
Like the rolling on of ocean in the eventide of fear?
'Tis the people marching on.
"On we march then, we, the workers, and the rumor that ye
hear
Is the blended sound of battle and deliv'rance drawing near;
For the hope of every creature is the banner that we bear."
And the world is marching on.

William Morris.

. . . "AN' luve is mair than a' the things a man can
see wi' his een or haud in his hands."

J. M. Barrie.



December 9.

JOHN MILTON, 1608.

THERE are no mute, inglorious Miltons in the field of letters; every one gets his due.

Richardson.

. . . ONLY add
Deeds to thy knowledge answerable; add faith,
Add virtue, patience, temperance; add love,
By name to come called charity, the soul
Of all the rest.

HE who would not be frustrate of his hope to write well hereafter, ought in all things himself to be a true poem.

Milton.

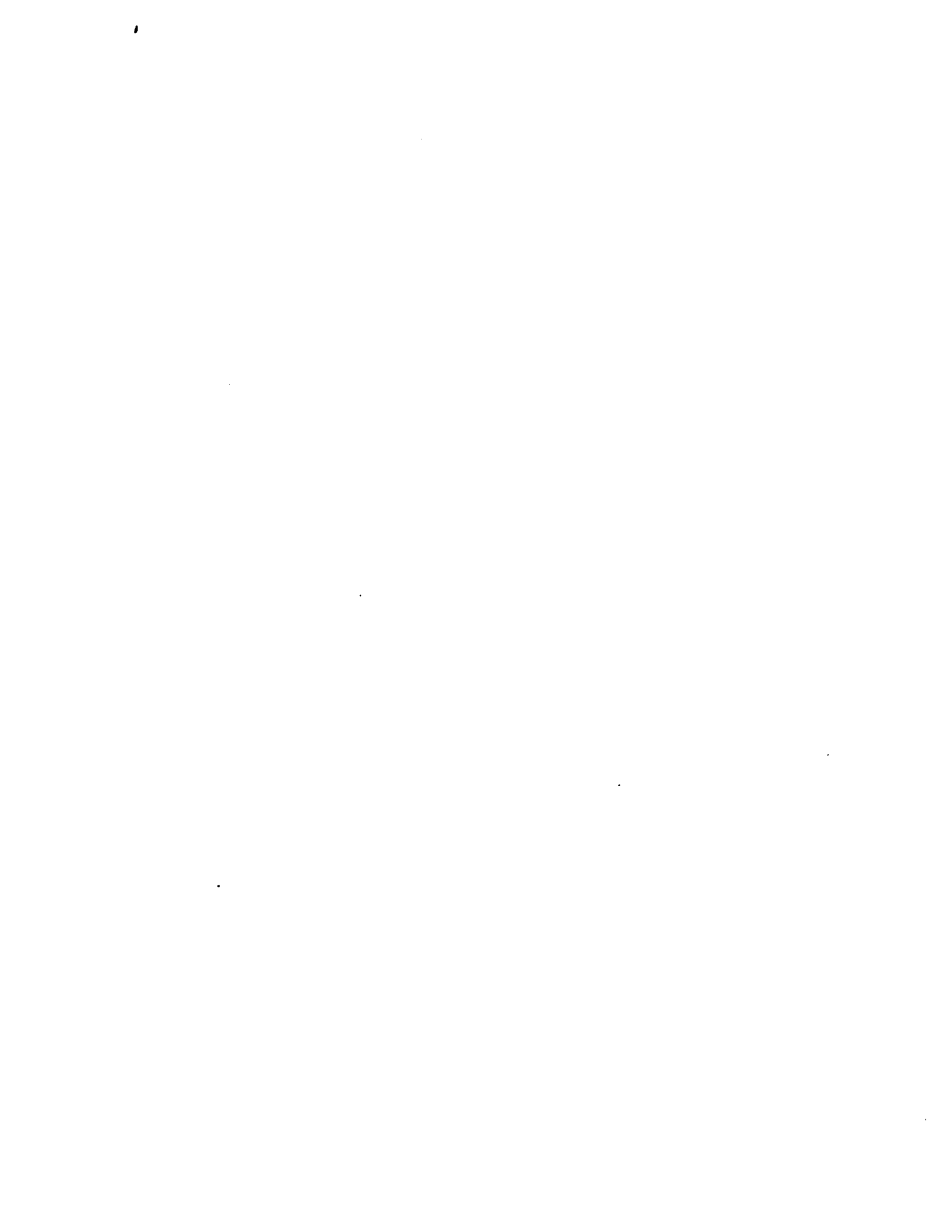
December 10.

. . . AT noonday, in the bustle of man's work-time
Greet the unseen with a cheer!
Bid him forward, breast and back as either should be,
"Strive and thrive!" "Cry speed, — fight on, fare ever
There as here!"

Robert Browning.

THE social, sympathetic, altruistic feelings are not forced to bear all the mighty burden of human advancement. Social regeneration is not allowed . . . to overbalance personal good.

George Harris.



December 11.

ONE must always have an empty and open corner in one's head, so that one may make room for the opinions of one's friends, and lodge them there in passing. . . .
Let us have hospitable hearts and minds.

Foubert.

You jest mind and remember and allers see what there is in a providence afore you quarrel with it.

"Sam Lawson."

December 12.

HEINRICH HEINE, 1797.

A LOVELY flower thou seemest,
So tender, sweet, and true;
And as I gaze, steals o'er me
A sadness, strange and new.

Upon thy peaceful forehead
I'd lay my hands in prayer,
That God may ever keep thee
As tender, true, and fair.

Heine.

FEW delights can equal the mere presence of one whom we trust utterly.

George Macdonald.



December 13.

PHILLIPS BROOKS, 1835.

WEARING the white flower of a blameless life.

Tennyson.

HIS eloquence had not the character and fashion of forensic efforts or parliamentary debates. It ascended above these. . . . Whenever he spoke or wrote, it was with the loftiest aims; not for display; not to advance himself; not for any selfish purpose; not in human strife; not in any question of pecuniary advantage; but in the service of religion and benevolence, to promote the love of God and man.

Charles Sumner.

December 14.

IF thou art blest,
Then let the sunshine of thy gladness rest
On the dark edges of each cloud that lies
Black in thy brother's skies.
If thou art sad,
Still be thou in thy brother's gladness glad.

A. E. Hamilton.

HER presence at once made a place such as one would desire to be in, — "A calm, beautiful, infinite woman."

George Macdonald.

December 15.

SHE had

The joy of those who feel the world's heart beat
After long doubt of it as fire or ice;
Because one man had helped her to breathe free.

George Meredith.

WHAT a heavenly thing friendship is; "world without end," truly. I grow warm thinking of it, and should glow at the thought if all the glaciers of the Alps were heaped over me. Such friends God has given me in this little life of mine.

Celia Thaxter.

December 16.

It is not study nor mere work which cripples. Mere intellectual labor, guided by intelligence and gauged by personal standards, and, too, by some regard for implacable physiological requirements, is never a cause of ill health in those who to begin with are wholesome in mind and body.

Knowledge is to be desired for joy, for use, and for the training the method of its getting gives.

S. Weir Mitchell.

LIVING will teach you how to live better than preacher or book.

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December 17.

BEETHOVEN, 1770. J. G. WHITTIER, 1807.

HE was a bright and gentle presence in the life of every man and woman to whom he was ever known. He lived a good life. . . . He was a devout man, rigid in his principles and pure in his life; but he was invariably charitable, magnanimous, and tender in his judgment of others.

William Winter.

SHUT in from all the world without
We sat the clean-winged hearth about
Content to let the north-wind roar.

Whittier.

December 18.

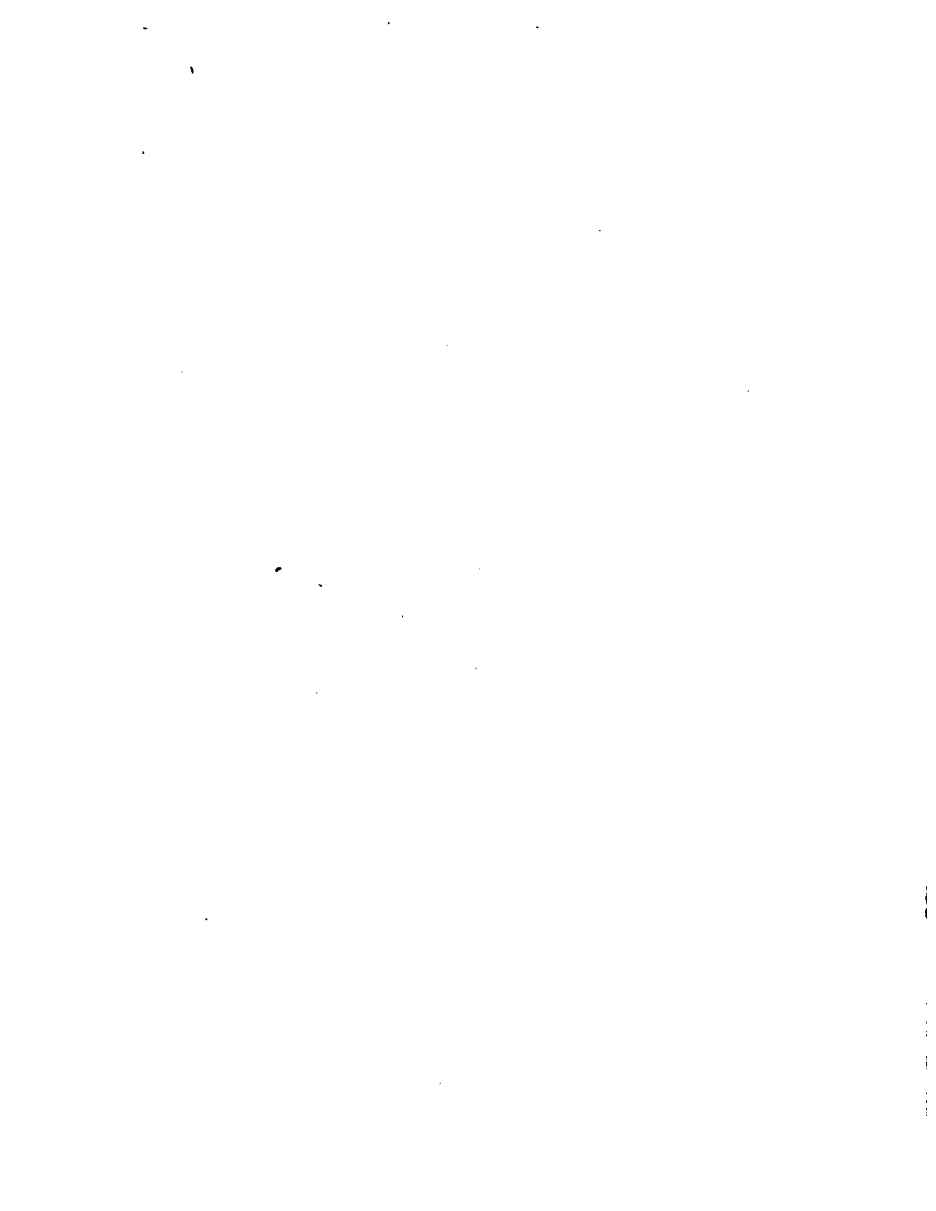
CHARLES WESLEY, 1708.

BEAUTIFUL is the year in its coming and its going, —
most beautiful and blessed, because it is always the year
of our Lord.

Lucy Larcom.

BUILD thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea.

Holmes.



December 19.

MARY A. LIVERMORE, 1821.

You will never learn to speak a foreign language if you are afraid of mistakes ; so you will never do anything with your own life if you are discouraged by failures. You were made to fall over and over again, or you would never gain any strength. . . . You are getting exercise and experience, and God would never spend so much trouble in training you if you were not worth the effort.

Anna C. Brackett.

Go bravely, go serenely, go augustly, —
Who can withstand thee then ?

Robert Browning.

December 20.

SOMETIMES people call their discontent aspiration, as being a prettier word, and meaning a more respectable thing.

Jean Ingelow.

You k'n hide de fier, but w'at you gwine do wid de smoke ?

Ter-morrow may be de carridge-driver's day for ploughin'.

Sleepin' in de fence-cornder don't fetch Chrismus in de kitchen.

Yer may know de way, but better keep yo' eyes on de seven stairs.

"Uncle Remus."



December 21.

LORD BEACONSFIELD, 1805.

THE primary charm of art resides in the freshness of feeling which it reveals and conveys. An art which discloses fatigue, weariness, exhaustion of emotion, deadening of interest, has parted with its magical spell; for vitality, emotion, passionate interest in the experiences of life, devout acceptance of the facts of life, are the prime characteristics of art.

Hamilton W. Mabie.

THINGS can never go badly wrong
If heart be true, and love be strong.

Burke.

December 22.

THOMAS WENTWORTH HIGGINSON, 1823.

ONE . . . whose voice attuned above
All modulation of the deep-bowered dove,
Is like a hand laid softly on the soul,
Whose hand is like a sweet voice to control
Those worn, tired brows it hath the keeping of.

D. G. Rossetti.

MORE than one immortal work of music may be traced to the steadfast love and thoughtful care of woman in the quiet duties of home.

George P. Upton.

December 23.

How inexhaustibly the spirit grows !
One object she seemed erewhile born to reach
With her whole energies, and die content,
So like a wall at the world's end it stood,
With naught beyond to live for — is it reached ?

Already are new undreamed energies
Out-growing under, and extending further
To a new object ; — there's another world !

Robert Browning.

THERE are new eras in one's life that are equivalent to youth, — are something better than youth.

George Eliot.

December 24.

MATTHEW ARNOLD, 1822.

IT is in making endless additions to itself, in the endless expansion of its powers, in endless growth in wisdom and beauty, that the spirit of the human race finds its ideal. . . .

Perfection, as culture perceives it, is not possible while the individual remains isolated.

Matthew Arnold.

ALL noblest things are religious, . . . the best books, pictures, poetry, statues, and music.

Wm. Mountford.



December 25.

LOVE came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine,
Love was born at Christmas ;
Star and angels gave the sign.

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and Love be mine —
Love to God and all men,
Love the universal sign.

Christina Rossetti.

“As the child heart beats with warm affection for those who approach it in the childlike spirit, so may ours be turned to God, loving Him because He first loved us, and gave Himself for us.”

December 26.

THOMAS GRAY, 1716.

THE common sun, the air, the skies,
To him are opening paradise.

From toil he wins his spirits light,
From busy day the peaceful night ;
Rich, from the very want of wealth,
In heaven's best treasures, peace and health.

Gray.

THE pride that shines in our mother's eyes is about the most pathetic thing a man has to face ; but he would be a devil altogether if it did not burn some of the sin out of him.

J. M. Barrie,



December 29.

W. E. GLADSTONE, 1809.

HE is a wise man who wastes no energy on pursuits for
for which he is not fitted.

Gladstone.

THEREFORE to whom turn I but to thee, the ineffable Name?
Builder and maker, thou, of houses not made with hands.
What, have fear of change from thee who art ever the same?
Doubt that thy power can fill the heart that thy power expands?

Robert Browning.

December 30.

(DEAN) AGNES IRWIN, 1841.

How deeply rooted must unbelief be in our hearts,
when we are surprised to find our prayers answered!
instead of feeling sure that they will be so, if they are
only offered up in faith, and are in accord with the will
of God.

Julius Hare.

WELL I know
That unto him who works, and feels he works,
This same grand year is ever at the door.

Tennyson.

December 31.

JAMES T. FIELDS, 1817.

RING out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Tennyson.

I BLESS thee with a human heart!
God shield thee to thy latest years.

Wordsworth.

LOOKING back along life's trodden way,
Gleams and greenness linger on the track;
Distance melts, and mellows all to-day,
Looking back.

Rose and purple and a silver gray;
Is that cloud the cloud we called so black?
Evening harmonizes all to-day,
Looking back.

Foolish feet, so prone to halt or stray;
Foolish heart, so restive on the rack!
Yesterday we sighed, but not to-day,
Looking back.

Christina Rossetti.

